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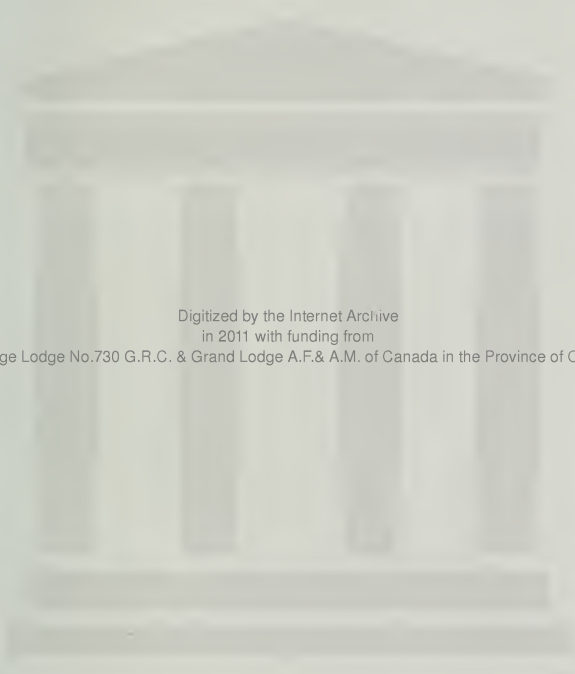


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PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND LODGE
Of Ancient
Free and Accepted Masons
OF CANADA,
AT ITS
EVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

HELD AT THE TOWN OF

ST. CATHARINES, JULY 9, A. L. 5862, A. D. 1862.



ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES AND PRESERVED.

T. DOUGLAS HARRINGTON, QUEBEC,
GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, HAMILTON,
GRAND SECRETARY.

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PROCEEDINGS

the Seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held at the town of St. Catharines, on the second Wednesday, the 19th day of July, A.L., 5862, A.D., 1862.

PRESENT.

M.W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

R. W. Br.	William B. Simpson,	Deputy Grand Master	
" "	George Masson,	D.D.G.M.,	London District
" "	Æmilius Irving,	"	Huron "
" "	William Fitch,	"	Hamilton "
" "	William G. Storm,	"	Toronto "
" "	Wm. Hy. Weller,	"	Ontario "
" "	A. A. Campbell,	"	Pr. Edw'd "
" "	George F. La Serre,	"	Central "
" "	A. A. Stevenson,	"	Montreal, "
" "	William McGhie,	as Grand	Senior Warden
" "	John V. Noel,	" "	Junior "
" "	Rev. Vincent Clementi,	"	Chaplain
" "	Henry Groff,	"	Treasurer
" "	David Curtis,	"	Registrar
" "	Thos. Bird Harris,	"	Secretary
V. "	James M. Rogerson,	as	Senior Deacon
" "	Isaac P. Willson,	" "	Junior "
" "	Hon. Robt. Spence,	" "	Supt. of Works
" "	A. De Grassi,	" "	Dir. of Ceremonies
" "	W. F. Biggar,	as assis't	Secretary

V. W. Br. A. G. Fenwick,	Grand	Sword Bearer
" " " H. V. Sanders, as assis't	"	Dir. of Ceremonies
" " " James Seymour, as	"	Organist
" " " Stanislaus Blondheim,	"	Pursuivant
" " " William Higman, as	"	Tyler
" " " W. G. F. Downs,	}	Grand Stewards
" " " Wm. Livingston,		
" " " Thomas Story,		
" " " Henry S. Rowsell,		

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

R. W. Br. Kivas Tully, P.D.D.G.M.
" " " John C. Franck, P.D.D.G.M.
" " " Francis Richardson, P.D.D.G.M.
" " " W. J. B. McLeod Moore, P.G.J.W.
" " " William Bellhouse, P.G. Treasurer
V. " " James Seymour, P.G.S.D.
" " " Charles Kahn, P.G. Director of Ceremonies
" " " John Dutton, P.G. Steward
" " " Thos. Rawlings, P.G. "

'GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

R. W. Br. Kivas Tully, Grand Lodge of Ireland
" " " Thos. B. Harris, " " Kansas

PAST MASTERS.

R. W. Br. A. A. Stevenson	W. Br. Wm. Braund
V. " " W. G. F. Downs	" " T. B. Pardee
" " R. M. Willson	R. " " George Masson
R. " " Geo. F. La Serre	" " " W. J. B. M'Leod Moore
" " " David Curtis	" " Joseph B. Choate
" " " Wm. B. Simpson	V. " " Charles Kahn
" " " Wm. F. Biggar	" " C. W. Matheson

R. W. Br. Wm. Fitch	W. Br. R. A. Woodcock
“ “ J. S. Walker	“ “ Geo. W. Borlase
“ “ Amos S. Bristol	R. “ “ Æmilius Irving
R. “ “ Henry Groff	V. “ “ A. De Grassi
“ “ “ John C. Franck	“ “ “ William Livingston
“ “ “ A. A. Campbell	R. “ “ Kivas Tully
“ “ L. H. Henderson	“ “ Henry McPherson
“ “ Andrew Henderson	“ “ F.H. Lynch Staunton
“ “ S. G. Dolson	“ “ G. L. Beard
“ “ A. S. St. John	R. “ “ Rev. Vincent Clementi
R. “ “ William G. Storm	“ “ Edwin Goodman
“ “ “ Wm. Hy. Weller	V. “ “ James Seymour
“ “ “ Francis Richardson	“ “ Wm. McGhie
“ “ John V. Noel	“ “ James McGlashen
“ “ H. V. Sanders	V. “ “ Wm. Story
R. “ “ William Bellhouse	“ “ M. C. Cameron
V. “ “ James M. Rogerson	“ “ M. L. Roberts
R. “ “ George F. La Serre	“ “ James Wilson
“ “ John Eyre	V. “ “ Thomas Rawlings
“ “ William McCabe	“ “ Geo. S. Graham
“ “ Jabez Amsden	V. “ “ A. G. Fenwick
“ “ John Parry	“ “ Gustavus R. Jervis
R. “ “ Thos. B. Harris	“ “ A. G. Macdonell
“ “ Isaac P. Willson	V. “ “ John Dutton
“ “ John J. Cooper	“ “ “ Thos. Mackie
“ “ George Gamble	M. “ “ T. D. Harington
“ “ John H. Flock	“ “ W. D. Perine
“ “ Jordan Charles	“ “ Wm. Diamond.
“ “ Joseph Figg	

A Constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the Great Architect of the universe.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, was opened in ~~Ample~~ form at 12.30 o'clock, P.M.

The Board of General Purposes having appointed a Committee to examine the credentials of Representatives and Proxies of regular chartered Lodges, reported the following viz:—

— *Lodge of Antiquity, Montreal.*

R. W. Br. A. A. Stevenson, (proxy.)

No. 2. *Niagara Lodge, Niagara.*

V. W. Br. W. G. F. Downs, W. M.

“ “ R. M. Willson, P. M.

“ J. B. Robertson, S. W.

No. 3. *St. John's Lodge, Kingston.*

R. W. Br. George F. La Serre, W. M.

“ Alex. S. Kirkpatrick, J. W.

No. 4. *Dorchester Lodge, St. Johns.*

R. W. Br. David Curtis, (proxy.)

No. 5. *Sussex Lodge, Brockville.*

R. W. Br. W. B. Simpson, P. M.

“ “ John Leggo, W. M.

No. 6. *Barton Lodge, Hamilton.*

W. Br. Thomas C. Macnabb, W. M.

“ B. E. Charlton, J. W.

No. 7. *Union Lodge, Grimsby.*

W. Br. W. F. Biggar, W. M.

R. “ “ W. Fitch, P. M.

“ W. Br. J. S. Walker, P. M.

“ George Van Dyke, S. W.

“ Robert Henry, J. W.

No. 8. *Nelson Lodge, Phillipsburg.*

R. W. Br. D. Curtis, (proxy.)

No. 9. *Union Lodge, Napanee.*

W. Br. Amos S. Bristol, W. M.

No. 10. *Norfolk Lodge, Simcoe.*

R. W. Br. Henry Groff, P. M.

“ W. B. Ozbourn, S. W.

“ John Wilson, J. W.

- No. 11. *Moirs Lodge, Belleville.*
 R. W. Br. Jno. C. Franck, P. M., (proxy.)
 " " " A. A. Campbell, P. M.
 " " " L. H. Henderson, P. M.
- No. 13. *Western Light Lodge, Bolton.*
 Br. George Evans, P. S. W.
 (Not a duly qualified Representative.)
- No. 15. *St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines.*
 W. Br. Charles Peters Camp, W. M.
 " " Andrew Henderson, P. M.
 " " Samuel G. Dolson, P. M.
 " " A. S. St. John, P. M.
 " F. W. Macdonald, S. W.
 " George Stoker, J. W.
- No. 16. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto.*
 R. W. Br. William G. Storm, P. M.
 " James Bain, S. W.
 V. " " Henry S. Rowsell, G. Steward.
- No. 17. *St. John's Lodge, Cobourg.*
 R. W. Br. Wm. Henry Weller, P. M.
 " J. F. Mallory, J. W.
- No. 18. *Prince Edward Lodge, Picton.*
 Br. J. H. Allen, S. W.
- No. 19. *St. George's Lodge, Montreal.*
 R. W. Br. A. A. Stevenson, W. M.
- No. 20. *St. John's Lodge, London.*
 W. Br. William Daniell, W. M.
- No. 22. *King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto.*
 W. Br. Daniel Spry, W. M.
 " C. A. Bunting, J. W.
- No. 25. *Ionic Lodge, Toronto.*
 R. W. Br. Francis Richardson, W. M.
 " " Jno. V. Noel, (proxy.)
- No. 26. *Ontario Lodge, Port Hope.*
 W. Br. H. V. Sanders, W. M.
- No. 27. *Strict Observance Lodge, Hamilton.*
 R. W. Br. William Bellhouse, P. M.
 V. " " James M. Rogerson, P. M.
 " J. S. Henderson, S. W.
 " Alex. Turner, J. W.

- No. 28. *Mount Zion Lodge, Kemptville.*
R.W. Br. George F. La Serre, (proxy.)
- No. 29. *United Lodge, Brighton.*
W. Br. J. Eyre, W. M.
- No. 30. *Composite Lodge, Whitby.*
W. Br. William McCabe.
- No. 32. *Amity Lodge, Dunnville.*
Br. Arch. Galbraith, S. W.
W. " Jabez Amsdem, J. W. & P. M.
" " John Parry, P. M.
- No. 35. *St. John's Lodge, Cayuga.*
R. W. Br. Thos. B. Harris, (proxy.)
- No. 36. *Welland Lodge, Fonthill.*
W. Br. Beaman Noble, W.M.
" " Isaac P. Willson, P.M.
" " John C. Cooper, P.M.
" " George Gamble, P.M.
" Henry Hansler, S.W.
" W. H. Bell, J.W.
- No. 38. *Trent Lodge, Trenton.*
W. Br. L. H. Henderson, (proxy.)
- No. 39. *Mount Zion Lodge, Prince Albert.*
Br. R. H. Tomlinson, S.W.
- No. 40. *St. John's Lodge, Hamilton.*
W. Br. John W. Murton, W.M.
R. " " Thos. B. Harris, P.M.
- No. 42. *St. George's Lodge, London.*
Br. George Burdett, S.W.
- No. 43. *King Solomon's Lodge, Woodstock.*
W. Br. Jordan Charles, (proxy.)
- No. 44. *St. Thomas Lodge, St. Thomas.*
W. Br. H. H. Hunt, W.M.
- No. 45. *Brant Lodge, Brantford.*
R.W. Br. David Curtis, P.M.
- No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham.*
W. Br. John E. Brooke, W.M.
- No. 49. *Harington Lodge, Quebec.*
R.W. Br. T.B. Harris, (proxy.)

- No. 50. *Consecon Lodge, Consecon.*
R.W. Br. A. A. Campbell, (proxy.)
- No. 51. *Corinthian Lodge, Grahamville.*
W. Br. Joseph Figg, W.M.
- No. 52. *Wellington Lodge, Dunnville.*
W. Br. Samuel Braund, W.M.
“ “ William Braund, P.M.
- No. 54. *Vaughan Lodge, Maple.*
R.W. Br. Wm. G. Storm, (proxy.)
- No. 56. *Victoria Lodge, Sarnia.*
W. Br. T. B. Pardee, W.M.
R.W. Br. George Masson, P.M.
- No. 57. *Harmony Lodge, Binbrook.*
Br. James Hoey, S.W.
- No. 58. *Doric Lodge, Ottawa.*
Br. John P. Featherston, S.W.
- No. 59. *Corinthian Lodge, Ottawa.*
R.W.Br. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, P.M.
- No. 60. *Hoyle Lodge, La Colle.*
R.W.Br. A. A. Stevenson, (proxy.)
- No. 61. *Acacia Lodge, Hamilton.*
R.W.Br. Thos. B. Harris, P.M.
- No. 62. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia.*
W. B. Joseph B. Choate, P.M.
- No. 63. *Simcoe Lodge, Simcoe.*
V.W. Br. Charles Kahn, (proxy.)
“ “ C. W. Matheson, P.M.
- No. 64. *Kilwinning Lodge, London.*
W. Br. J. Flock, P.M.
- No. 66. *Dunham Lodge, Newcastle.*
W. Br. Joseph Brock, W.M.
- No. 68. *St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll.*
W. Br. R. A. Woodcock, W.M.
- No. 69. *Stirling Lodge, Stirling.*
R.W. Br. John C. Franck, (proxy.)

- No. 71. *Victoria Lodge, Sherbrooke.*
W. Br. Geo. W. Borlase, P.M.
- No. 72. *Alma Lodge, Galt.*
W. Br. Robt. F. Nelles, W.M.
R. " " Æmilius Irving, P.M.
" T. S. Fisher, S.W.
" N. F. Simons, J.W.
- No. 74. *St. James' Lodge, Maitland.*
R.W. Br. W. B. Simpson, (proxy.)
- No. 75. *St. John's Lodge, Toronto.*
V.W. Br. A. De Grassi, P.M.
" John Kerr, S.W.
- No. 76. *Oxford Lodge, Woodstock.*
W. Br. Jordan Charles, P.M.
" " John Turquand, W.M.
- No. 78. *King Hiram Lodge, Tillsonburg.*
W. Br. John Turquand, (proxy.)
- No. 81. *St. John's Lodge, Delaware.*
V.W. Br. Wm. Livingston, W.M.
- No. 83. *Beaver Lodge, Strathroy.*
W. Br. H. Bettridge, W.M.
- No. 84. *Clinton Lodge, Clinton.*
R.W. Br. Æmilius Irving, (proxy.)
- No. 86. *Wilson Lodge, Toronto.*
W. Br. Hon. Robt. Spence, W.M.
R. " " Kivas Tully, P.M.
" George Davidson, S.W.
" S. G. Levey, J.W.
- No. 87. *Markham Union Lodge, Markham.*
Br. James J. Barker, J.W.
- No. 88. *St. George's Lodge, Owen Sound.*
W. Br. Henry Macpherson, P.M.
- No. 89. *King Hiram Lodge, Lindsay.*
W. Br. John F. Albro, W.M.
- No. 90. *Manito Lodge, Collingwood.*
W. Br. Daniel Spry, (proxy.)

- No. 92. *Cataraqui Lodge, Kingston.*
W. Br. John V. Noel, P.M.
V. " " Stanislaus Blondheim, G. Pur.
- No. 93. *Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine.*
W. Br. T. H. Lynch Staunton, (proxy.)
- No. 95. *Ridout Lodge, Otterville.*
W. Br. G. L. Beard, P.M.
- No. 96. *Corinthian Lodge, Barrie.*
W. Br. Henry Fraser, W.M.
- No. 97. *Sharon Lodge, Sharon.*
Br. N. Allan Gamble, (proxy.)
- No. 99. *Tuscan Lodge, Newmarket.*
Br. N. Allan Gamble, S.W.
- No. 100. *Valley Lodge, Dundas.*
W. Br. James McMahon, W. M.
- No. 101. *Corinthian Lodge, Peterboro.'*
R.W. Br. Rev. Vincent Clementi, P.M.
" Richard White.
(Not a qualified Representative.)
- No. 103. *Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catharines.*
W. Br. Edwin Goodman, P.M.
V. " " James Seymour, P.M.
" " Wm. McGhie, P.M.
" John Dale, S.W.
" J. Ambrose Goodman, J.W.
- No. 104. *St. John's Lodge, Norwichville.*
W. Br. G. L. Beard, (proxy.)
- No. 105. *St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville.*
W. Br. James McGlashen, P.M.
" Charles Treble, S.W.
- No. 106. *Burford Lodge, Burford.*
Br. W. H. Serpell, S.W.
- No. 110. *Central Lodge, Prescott.*
W. Br. Angus Grant, P.M.
- No. 112. *Maitland Lodge, Goderich.*
W. Br. M. C. Cameron, W.M.
V. " " Wm. Story, P.M.
" R. W. Wallace. J.W.

- No. 113. *Wilson Lodge, Waterford.*
Br. Thomas W. Clark, S.W.
- No. 114. *Hope Lodge, Port Hope.*
W. Br. H. V. Sanders, (proxy.)
- No. 115. *Ivy Lodge, Smithville.*
W. Br. M. L. Roberts, W.M.
- No. 118. *Union Lodge, Lloydtown.*
W. Br. James Wilson, W.M.
- No. 119. *Maple Leaf Lodge, Bath.*
W. Br. Thomas Aishton, W.M.
- No. 121. *Doric Lodge, Brantford.*
V.W. Br. Thomas Rawlings, P.M.
- No. 122. *Renfrew Lodge, Renfrew.*
R.W. Br. A. A. Campbell, (proxy.)
- No. 123. *The Belleville Lodge, Belleville.*
W. Br. L. H. Henderson, (proxy.)
- No. 125. *Cornwall Lodge, Cornwall.*
W. Br. A. G. Macdonell, (proxy.)
- No. 126. *Golden Rule Lodge, Campbellsford.*
W. Br. H. O'Neil W.M.
- No. 127. *Franck Lodge, Frankford.*
R.W. Br. John C. Franck, (proxy.)
- No. 129. *The Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora.*
W. Br. Geo. S. Graham, W.M.
- No. 131. *St. Lawrence Lodge, Southampton.*
W. Br. F. H. Lynch Staunton, P.M.
- No. 133. *Lebanon Forest Lodge, Franceston.*
R.W. Br. Æmilus Irving, (proxy.)
- No. 134. *Shawenegan Lodge, Three Rivers.*
V.W. Br. A. G. Fenwick, P.M.
- No. 135. *St. Clair Lodge, Milton.*
W. Br. Thomas C. Macnabb, (proxy.)
- No. 137. *Pythagoras Lodge, Meaford.*
W. Br. Henry Macpherson, (proxy.)

- No. 139. *Lebanon Lodge, Oshawa.*
W. Br. S. B. Fairbanks, W.M.
- No. 141. *Tudor Lodge, Mitchell.*
W. Br. Gustavus R. Jervis, W.M.
" Thos. Matheson, S.W.
- No. 142. *Excelsior Lodge, Morrisburg.*
W. Br. A. G. Macdonell, W.M.
- No. 144. *Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford.*
V.W. Br. John Dutton, W.M.
" " " Thos. Mackie, P.M.
- No. 145. *J. B. Hall Lodge, Mill Brook.*
W. Br. John F. Albro, (proxy.)
- No. 146. *Prince of Wales' Lodge, Newburgh.*
R.W. Br. A. A. Campbell, (proxy.)
- No. 147. *Mississippi Lodge, Almonte.*
R.W. Br. George. F. La Serre, (proxy.)
- No. 148. *Civil Service Lodge, Seat of Government.*
M.W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, P.M.
- No. 149. *Erie Lodge, Port Dover.*
W. Br. C. A. Matheson, (proxy.)
- No. 151. *The Grand River Lodge, Berlin.*
W. Br. W. D. Perine, W.M.
" Charles Camidge, S.W.
" John McDougall, J.W.
- U.D. *Burns Lodge, Wyoming.*
R.W. Br. Geo. Masson, (proxy.)
- U.D. *Irving Lodge, Lucan.*
W. Br. Wm. Diamond, W.M.

The Report from the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

A large number of Master Masons being in attendance, the M. W. Grand Master granted permission for their admission as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the Rules and Regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge during the time of public business.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the Minutes of Proceedings, at the last Annual Communication, and, having been interrupted, the following resolution was submitted and adopted :—

Moved by R.W. Br. Æmilius Irving, seconded by R.W. Br. W. H. Weller—

That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge, at the Annual Communication, held at the City of London, on the 10th, 11th and 12th days of July, A.L., 5861, having been printed and distributed to all Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the same be considered read.

It was moved by R.W. Br. Æmilius Irving, seconded by R.W. Br. George F. La Serre, and adopted—

That the minutes, as printed and considered read, stand confirmed.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 2.30 o'clock, P.M., in token of respect to the memory of the late Honorable William Hamilton Merritt, M.L.C., to meet at 6.30 o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 7 o'clock, P.M.

M.W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The M.W. Grand Master delivered the following address to the assembled brethren :

ADDRESS.

To the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Canada, assembled in Annual Communication at St. Catharines, 9th July, 1862.

BRETHREN :

Once again we are permitted by the G. A. O. T. U. to assemble together. Another year has followed its predecessors, and we are still the recipients of His mercies and blessings,—still suffered to exchange the friendly grasp,—to mingle in social intercourse, and see each other's old familiar faces. The fiat was not issued to call *us* away, and it behoves each and all of us to be thankful and watchful, for the future is a sealed book, and not one can even guess how suddenly the dread summons, that cannot be evaded, may reach him. I am led to address you thus seriously, and to warn you, in the beautiful language of Freemasonry, “to perform your allotted tasks while it is yet day,”—because though *we* are here, death has been reaping his annual harvest, and many honored and valued members of the great human family have departed, leaving behind them only their memory and virtues.—high-born and lowly—poor and wealthy—from each and all the last penalty will inevitably be exacted, and we can call only the present fleeting moment our own.

Our Most Gracious Sovereign—our Queen,—our widowed Queen, is even now bowed by natural grief, for the death of *Her* nearest and dearest friend—her husband,—one for whose untimely loss the entire empire unites in mourning;—one whose domestic and public virtues had endeared him as well to every British subject, as to all who had the privilege or honor of knowing him, or became in any way subject to his kind, amiable and benignant influence. We have the affecting declaration of our sorrowing Queen, that none knew how thoroughly good was the illustrious Prince the nation had lost. But her subjects, while grieving with, have increased cause to love *Her*, who, forgetful of

her own sorrow, even at the time when it must have been the most poignant, identified herself with the widows of those humbler, hard working miners, who had been cut off by a terrible visitation,—and in her own misery remembered and soothed theirs. *Daughter and Niece of Masons!* well may the Fraternity be proud of her affinity to them, and gloriously does she, our loved and Sovereign Lady, add refulgence to our order, one of whose grand principles is “relief” to suffering fellow creatures! Soon will another of her children leave her protection, but with her full and free approval. One of those children, of whom we are all so proud, and who cannot fail to carry about with them the impress of the womanly virtues of their august mother, as well as the manly ones of their deeply lamented father!

Need I say more save to suggest that Grand Lodge do honor to itself, by offering a respectful message of condolence (mingled with sincere congratulation on the coming happy disposal of the hand of her child) to the exalted and admirable, but sorrowing *woman*, who is the pride of her willing subjects, and rules them with the sceptre of goodness and affection.

And let us look also at home, brethren! Here we miss our much respected and oldest member, the M. W. Brother Thomas Gibbs Ridout, Past Grand Master of Canada! Who is there, who remembers not his kind face and familiar honest greeting, oftentimes roughly uttered to cover a feeling, generous spirit, crippled and debarred from accomplishing its wishes! Who cannot call to mind his devotedness to Freemasonry, and how readily, cheerfully, and constantly he met its varied claims upon his time, his attention, and his means! Many have had experience of his kindness—I know that I have. Here again Grand Lodge has the opportunity of condoling with the sorrowing widow and surviving relatives—and those who have sorrowed will bear ready testimony to the exceeding great power of sympathy, even *if that alone* is necessary to be offered.

Having thus performed what I deemed my first, though melancholy duty, I will now proceed with those general topics in which you are interested. Our order in Canada pursues its course of quiet, unobtrusive usefulness and progression. Its members

continue to increase, although only three Lodges have been added to our Roll during the past year. To two I granted Dispensations, which it remains for Grand Lodge to confirm by Warrants, if it seems meet to it so to do. Both petitions came to me properly and constitutionally recommended. They are as follows, viz:—

“Burns” Lodge, Wyoming, C. W., and “Irving” Lodge, Lucan, C. W.

I signed a warrant of affiliation in favor of “Clarenceville” Lodge, Clarenceville, C. E., the members surrendering their English Warrant, for the express purpose of affiliating with Canada.

The number of Lodges now on our Roll, is 155; but of these a few have made no returns, and Grand Lodge will perhaps find it necessary to take action thereon. The Grand Secretary will furnish all necessary information on this head, and the reports of the respective District Deputy Grand Masters, will reveal to you more fully the condition of the Craft throughout the Province. I have been called upon to make numerous decisions on constitutional, as well as minor points of difficulty, referred to me, which are for the most part recorded in my letter-book, open for perusal by Grand Lodge and its Boards and Committees, not only as regards decisions, but all other subjects to which my attention has been needed during the past year. I cannot, however, refrain from here saying, that several Masters of Lodges have shewn culpable carelessness in conducting the “ballot” for initiates, and have permitted any but a proper Masonic feeling to militate against the admission of men, known to be of honorable and irreproachable character. They cannot be too particular in preserving the purity of the ballot, and where (as I know has been done, although informally mentioned to me) members have forgotten themselves so far as to *declare beforehand* that, because the proceedings of their Lodge have sometimes run counter to their individual wishes, they will black-ball any or all candidates presenting themselves, the Master’s bounden duty is to deprive that member for a time of his privileges, and report him to higher authority. The book of Constitutions, looks upon any violation of the secrecy and sanctity of the ballot, as so flagrant an offence, that for a first, the punishment is to be severe Masonic censure, and for the second,

expulsion. There is no middle penalty laid down. The ablest Masonic writers, have ever declared in forcible language, that the Master is invested with power, that he may promote the happiness and prosperity of his Lodge. Harmony therein, is of paramount importance, and the comfort of the *whole* must not be permitted to be jeopardized, by the misconduct of one member. The Master of a Lodge must not allow its discipline to be infringed, its purity to be encroached upon, or irregularities to prevail which may bring it into disrepute. On him, therefore, rests a heavy responsibility, and it is incumbent on every brother to bear in mind, that the book of Constitutions wisely enacts, that "the majority of the members present at any Lodge duly summoned, have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings," and that he is bound to abide by that law, and cheerfully submit to his brethren, entering no protest, unless he may consider the laws and usages of the Craft to be violated, and therefore intends to complain or appeal to a higher Masonic authority.

The Board of General Purposes will make its Report. It has been inaugurated, and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master has been zealous and kind enough to assume, on its commencement, the responsible office of President. The formation of this Board renders it necessary to make many alterations in the Book of Constitutions. The former Committees are, of course, superseded by it.

The Asylum Committee will likewise, I apprehend, report progress; but our aspirations and hopes, in relation to this noble and necessary work, have been a good deal "nipped in the bud" by the serious and lamentable condition of affairs in the neighboring States, which you are all aware have affected Canada.

The Committee appointed to carry out the express wishes of Grand Lodge in regard to the well-merited Testimonial to be bestowed on my worthy predecessor, M. W. Brother W. M. Wilson, will, I trust, be able to render a satisfactory report to you. I directed the Grand Secretary to send a circular to the respective District Deputy Grand Masters, and the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Chairman of the Testimonial Committee, did the same thing, requesting information as to the result of their labors in their several districts.

I cannot forbear mentioning some additional items, and leaving their consideration to the wisdom of Grand Lodge. They suggest themselves forcibly to me, and consequently I conceive I am simply doing my duty in thus introducing them to your notice.

1st. The formation of a *Fund* and *Committee of Benevolence*, subject to well-understood regulations, is a great desideratum.—At present the Grand Master is obliged to assume the individual responsibility of granting relief, and I can assure Grand Lodge that many and sad are the applicants, and the apportioning help so as to make it *speedy* and effectual, is by no means an easy task, though one from which there can be no shrinking.

2nd. Would it not be well to decide upon two alternate places for the *meeting* of *Grand Lodge*, one in each section of the Province, instead of as now leaving the locality to be fixed by annual vote? The existing plan bears hard upon Brethren who reside at great distances, and off the line of railway or steamboat.

3rd. A large amount of *Grand Lodge Funds* is either invested at a low rate of interest, or they are unprofitable. Could not a portion be placed out on undeniable security to the benefit of Grand Lodge.

As regards "Foreign Correspondence" I have very little to say. This is principally in the hands of the Board of General Purposes, or of that most able and zealous officer, the Grand Secretary.—With such of the Grand Lodges of the United States as we can reach, we are on terms of most friendly intercourse, and their good feeling towards us is evinced in many ways; but the lamented civil war still raging there, cuts us off from communication with our Southern Brethren.

I regret to state that the *Grand Lodges* of *England* and *Ireland* still insist upon the good standing of those Lodges hailing under them, which you have declared to be irregular, after much earnest consideration. For a second time I was asked to hold your decision in abeyance, but not feeling justified in so doing, because impressed with the perfect justness of our proceedings, I issued an edict forbidding communication with those Lodges. As, however, the Representatives of those two Grand Bodies stated that further

evidence was forthcoming, which might have the effect of inducing a reversal of your decision, I promised out of courtesy and amity, to allude to this unfortunate difficulty, with a view to its serious re-consideration and settlement, provided Grand Lodge thought proper to revive the matter.

I sincerely regret that the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England, including those of the Colonial Board, are couched in an unjust and unfriendly spirit, and accuses this Grand Body of studious hostility and aggression. I have repudiated any such feeling in plain straightforward words, and these, with other remarks I made, I will read for the information of Grand Lodge, as also what I deem objectionable on the part of the Grand Lodge of England. I request the indulgence of the Brethren, while I thus occupy their time. [Correspondence &c., &c., read.]

Thus this vexed question now stands, and thus I leave it in your hands.

And now brethren, I would, in conclusion, bespeak your serious attention as loyal subjects, and Freemasons of no insignificant numbers, to the unhappy and unnatural war, still devastating the neighboring country, and causing bloodshed, misery, and the cutting asunder of the very closest ties of consanguinity and friendship. You all must remember, how nearly this country was recently involved in the convulsion, and who can foresee what is to happen! It is our *duty* as fellow-men, and our *privilege* as brethren, to pray and hope for peace, and a return to its normal condition, of that powerful Republic, between whom and us there is only an imaginary geographical line of separation. But whatever the womb of futurity may bring forth, (if peace, so much the greater reason for gratitude to the G. A. O. T. U,) remember, that *the defence of their Institutions, their homes, and their altars, against Foreign attacks, is a duty incumbent on the inhabitants of this Province.* I quote the language of the Representative of our Sovereign to the Parliament of this Province. Cast your eyes southward on Mexico,—contemplate what is popularly termed the old world, and think how small a spark would fire the combustibles there stored. Then, having the signs of the times before you, while earnestly desiring for the sake of suffering humanity, that

the storm will be stilled by that Power, who can alone say with authority, "*Peace! Be still!*"—read, and study the fourth chapter of Nehemiah in our *first Great Light*, and ponder at the same time as Freemasons, on the symbolic significance of the "*Sword and Trowel*." While we look steadily and fearlessly in the face probabilities and dangers, still happily at a distance, and which may not approach nearer, while we determine to perform our duty if our country is menaced, let us never forget, brethren, that the *tie* of Freemasonry,—the *Mystic Tie*,—has acted as a curb on human passions, has alleviated the miseries of warfare, and that, as well in turmoil as in tranquility, we are all bound to acknowledge a Brother's claim, no matter what his country, when preferred in difficulty, danger or "*distress*."

May the G. A. O. T. U. spare us all again to assemble in peace, and may He grant this fine Province increasing prosperity and years of tranquility.

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON,
Grand Master.

Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters for the various Masonic Districts:

LONDON DISTRICT.

REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Grand Lodge assembled.

M. W. MASTER, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN,—It becomes my duty, at the close of this Masonic year, to report to you such proceedings as were brought under my notice, in my official capacity as District Deputy Grand Master of this District, entrusted to me at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

It was my intention on assuming the duties of my office, immediately to visit the Lodges, in order to obtain a correct knowledge of their mode of work and general state of efficiency, but owing to the threatening state of affairs, between our country

and the neighbouring republic, which indeed had become alarmingly serious, great excitement existing, and our people being engaged in the organization of the militia, not knowing how soon we might be involved in the horrors of war. As long as this excitement continued I deemed it inexpedient to follow out my original intention, believing it would have been but labor in vain. Before the festival of St. John the Evangelist, however, it pleased the Supreme Ruler of all things, to remove from us all cause of alarm, and may God in his great mercy, grant that it may so long continue, that by neither foreign or civil war may our beautiful country be devastated.

My first visit was made to "Beaver" Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy. I found this Lodge in good working order, following the work of Grand Lodge.

I also visited "Victoria" Lodge, Sarnia, shortly afterwards. This Lodge also follows the Canada work, and is in a highly prosperous state. It gave me great pleasure to observe that the minute-books of both these Lodges, were exceedingly well kept, in the form adopted by Grand Lodge, at its last regular meeting.

On the 6th February, I visited "Great Western" Lodge, No. 47, Windsor, when I had the pleasure of meeting W. Bro. Dewson, and a large number of the brethren. I was informed this Lodge had not been worked for some months previous to my visit, but apparently a most successful effort has been made to put it once more in a state of efficiency.

On the following night, I visited "Wellington" Lodge, Chatham, and it is with great satisfaction, that I have to report, that under the admirable management of W. Bro. Dr. Askin, the W. M. of the previous year, this Lodge is in a high state of efficiency, which I have no doubt will continue.

On the 10th of February, I visited "Albion" Lodge, No. 80, Newbury, a well-worked Lodge, and well attended.

On the following night, I visited "St. John's" Lodge, No. 20, at its regular meeting. This Lodge is one of the two Lodges in this District, which does not follow the work of Grand Lodge, and I deeply regret to have to report the work of this, the oldest Lodge in the District, as most unsatisfactory.

On the 12th of the same month, I was present in "St. John's" Lodge, Delaware, and was glad to find, this Lodge still retains its character, for true and correct work.

On the two following nights, I visited "St. Thomas" Lodge, St. Thomas, and "St. Mark's" Lodge, Port Stanley. The work of both these Lodges is similar, not quite correct, but generally following that of the Grand Lodge. It is with much pleasure I acknowledge the valuable assistance I have received from R. W. T. D. Warren, P. G. J. Warden, to whom also, I am indebted for many acts of kindness, and I would take this opportunity also, of acknowledging the kind and fraternal welcome I have everywhere received.

"Mount Brydges" Lodge having ceased to exist, the total number of Warranted Lodges in this District, is 18, of which, as I said before, there are only two who do not follow the work of Grand Lodge.

DEATH OF THE PRINCE CONSORT.

On the 24th of December, I received from R. W. the Grand Secretary, a telegraph communication announcing the unexpected death of the Prince Consort, and by command of the M. W. Grand Master, all Masonic Balls must be postponed. The only Masonic Ball which had been contemplated in this district was in London, on the festival of St. John the Evangelist, of which, I had been informed by R. W. Bro. Edwin Heathfield, G. S. W., and chairman of the ball committee. I immediately wrote to the R. W. Bro., and telegraphed to the Worshipful Masters of "St. John's," "St. George's" and "Kilwinning" Lodges, the command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, to which on December 28th, R. W. Bro. Heathfield replied, that the ball had not been postponed, but that the brethren did not attend as Masons, but as citizens. It was a matter of deep regret to me, that our London brethren did not fully, both in letter and spirit, carry out the wishes of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

NEW LODGES.

I have had an application, for a Dispensation to open a Lodge in the village of Wyoming, county of Lambton, twelve miles from

the oil springs, which the M. W. G. M. was pleased to grant. And on the festival of St. John the Evangelist, I had the pleasure of handing W. Bro. Duncan the Dispensation, and installing him Worshipful Master of "Burns" Lodge, until the annual meeting of Grand Lodge.

W. Bro. Duncan has since removed from Wyoming, but as the Lodge now numbers amongst its members, two Past Masters, both of whom are well known to me as experts, I would recommend that a warrant be granted.

MASONIC DEATHS.

I have been officially informed of the death of two Masons in this district.

Captain Robert Johnston who died at the village of Napier, in the county of Middlesex, reached an advanced old age, having nearly lived a century in this world, was a truly excellent gentleman and worthy brother. He was never a member of a Lodge in this country, but was buried with Masonic honors by "Beaver" Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy. With the propriety of his being so buried, I am quite satisfied, but I would respectfully ask Grand Lodge to express an opinion on the regularity of the W. Master of a Lodge, removing his Lodge to another village for this purpose, without first obtaining a dispensation to do so.

Bro. Hugh McLaughlan, aged 84, died at the Village of Aylmer, and was buried with Masonic honors, by "Malahide" Lodge, No. 140, of which he was a member.

MASONIC COMPLAINTS.

Several complaints have been brought before me, but I am happy to state they have all been disposed of without much difficulty.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I would state that the chief difficulty I have found in the working of the Lodges in this district, is that of the non-

payment of dues by the members of the different Lodges. It is a difficulty, which I am quite satisfied, requires to be well considered, and if possible measures adopted, to prevent the many evils which arise from this cause.

All of which, is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE MASSON,
D. D. G. M., London District.

SARNIA, June 27th, 1862.

WILSON DISTRICT.

REPORT.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Master,
Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada.*

In accordance with the Constitution and requirements of Grand Lodge, I have the honor to submit my third report from the Wilson District.

Three years ago, when by order of the Grand Lodge, the Masonic districts underwent a revision, the counties of Oxford, Norfolk and Brant were set apart as the Wilson District, comprising fifteen Lodges, to which number, one Lodge (Erie) has since been added.

The undersigned was at the time appointed the District Deputy Grand Master, which highly important office he has held up to the present time.

On assuming the duties, some of the Lodges were found to be in rather an unsettled condition, owing, in some measure, to their former charters having emanated from different jurisdictions, and having recently acknowledged the Grand Lodge of Canada, had not had sufficient time and opportunity to assume an uniformity of system. I am, however, happy to say those difficulties are in a great measure removed, and, with the fraternal feeling uniformly exhibited, will, I have no doubt, continue to the advantage and prosperity of the Order.

The several Lodges in this district have been invited to assist

in the erection of the proposed Masonic Asylum ; also to contribute to the intended testimonial to our Past Most Worshipful Grand Master, William Mercer Wilson, and will report to Grand Lodge through their delegates.

No Constitutional questions or local difficulties having arisen during the past year that required investigation, relieves me from troubling Grand Lodge with a lengthy report.

Owing to circumstances, quite beyond my control, has prevented me from making a personal visit to all the Lodges in this jurisdiction during the past year.

And in concluding this brief report, I beg to thank the officers and brethren of the Wilson District for the hospitality, friendship and attention they have on all occasions shown me during the three years I have had the honor to serve them as District Deputy Grand Master ; and if on any occasion I have been instrumental in diffusing light and instruction to the brethren, I feel amply rewarded for all my labors by the result ; and with the expiry of the present masonic year, I beg to resign my office as District Deputy Grand Master for the Wilson District. Again returning my warmest thanks to the Craft for the unlimited confidence heretofore shown me on all occasions, and may the Great Architect continue to preserve and adorn our Order with every social and moral virtue, is the humble aspiration of the undersigned.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. WHITEHEAD,

WOODSTOCK, 5th July, 1862.

D.D.G.M., Wilson District.

HURON DISTRICT.

REPORT.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren
of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Grand Lodge assembled.*

In compliance with the Constitution, I beg leave to submit my Report upon the Huron District for the past Masonic year.

Excluding "Wellington Lodge," Guelph, No. 33, which has been dealt with by the M. W. the G. M., and is now extinct, there has been under my supervision during the past year, twelve Lodges:—

Alma	72	Galt.
St. James	73	St. Mary's.
Clinton	84	Clinton.
Northern Light.....	93	Kincardine.
Maitland.....	112	Goderich.
St. Lawrence.....	131	Southampton.
Sweet Home.....	132	New Hamburg.
Lebanon Forest...	133	Exeter.
Tudor	141	Mitchell.
Tecumseh	144	Stratford.
The Grand River..	151	Berlin.
Irving —	U.D.	Lucan.

"Sweet Home" Lodge, No. 132, not having progressed steadily, has returned its warrant, which I have handed to Grand Secretary and request that the Lodge may be removed from the list of Lodges.

"Irving Lodge" is under dispensation. The W.M. will attend at Grand Lodge with the Books of the Lodge, and if they are as satisfactory as have been reported to me, should ensure to the brethren, the warrant they are so anxious to obtain.

I am most happy to state that no remarks are necessary with reference to the other Lodges of this district, as they are all working harmoniously, and no instance of any Masonic complaint has been made to me during the year.

It has given me pleasure to grant the following Dispensations during the past year:—

To "Tecumseh" Lodge.—To initiate without fee or reward, Samuel Inman, upon the ground that he is to be a serving brother.

To "Tecumseh" Lodge.—To appear in public with their usual Insignia, on the occasion of a Masonic ball to be held at Stratford on 27th Dec., 1861.

This ball was necessarily postponed to the 10th January, in consequence of the melancholy news of the death of the Prince Consort.

I had the honor of being present at the ball when it took place, which was largely attended from all parts of the district, and reflected the highest credit upon the hospitality and good taste of those who were instrumental in promoting it.

The brethren of Stratford have the credit of originating the idea, that all the Brethren of the district should annually celebrate together the Festival of the Evangelist, at some convenient point within the district—and if these gatherings are hereafter as successful as the first—they will much benefit the craft, by increasing friendship and intimacies between the brethren.

I have also granted a Dispensation to "The Grand River" Lodge, at Berlin, to appear in public, and take part in the truly Masonic work of laying the foundation stone of a Church, on the 15th of July, instant, to be built by the Church of England.

And altho' this work will be completed after my term of office will have expired, I did not hesitate to grant the Dispensation, as it was of consequence to the Brethren of Grand River, that they should be authorised to make their preparations.

I respectfully beg leave to tender my opinion and approval of the circular issued under the authority of the M. W. the G. M. to the D. D. G. M's., cautioning them on the exercise of the extraordinary power of granting Dispensations.

The brethren of my district look forward to the establishment of the Board of General Purposes as advantageous to the Craft, and insuring despatch at the Communications of Grand Lodge.

In conclusion, I beg leave to bear testimony to the kindness of the R. W. the G. Secretary, who, on one occasion when circumstances

beyond my control prevented me from visiting certain Lodges according to appointment, was good enough to take my place and save disappointment to many of the brethren in my district.

All which is respectfully submitted,

ÆMILIUS IRVING,
D. D. G. M., Huron.

8th July, 1862.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

REPORT.

*To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of
the Grand Lodge of Canada, in Grand Lodge assembled.*

M.W. SIR & BRETHREN,—In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution, I beg leave to submit the following Report upon the state of Freemasonry in the Hamilton district :—

Ill health prevented my entering upon the discharge of my official duties until the month of December last, since when my professional duties have so occupied my time as to prevent my visiting all the Lodges in my district. This I regret exceedingly, not that I imagine that those Lodges required any supervision, but I considered it a matter of duty to have visited them all, the discharge of which duty I have no doubt would have been a source of much pleasure to myself.

I am happy to be able to say that harmony and brotherly love are the chief ornaments in nearly all the Lodges that I have visited, as an instance of which I may refer to the true Masonic spirit which prevails, and which, I believe, has prevailed amongst the brethren of the city of Hamilton, where a number of Lodges are occupying the same room, with its furniture, working tools, &c., nothing but a true Masonic spirit, coupled with much forbearance on the part of all the brethren, could have prevented collision and consequent unpleasantness. With equal propriety I may refer also to the Lodges in St. Catharines. The brethren everywhere are silently and earnestly at work, with, as far as I could judge, but one cause for complaint, and that is, that they

are, more or less, in the dark as to what really constitutes the Canadian work. I have uniformly encouraged the brethren to hope (now that the arrangements consequent upon the union of the Canadian Craft are happily completed) that the M.W. Grand Master would be pleased to cause the work to be thoroughly exemplified, before the close of the present session of Grand Lodge, believing it to be, as I do, the most important business before it. While a great dissimilarity is apparent in the working of the different Lodges, a much greater anxiety exists than formerly in the minds of the brethren to practice the *correct* work, while all seemed proud of the position, and satisfied with the government of the Canadian Grand Lodge, and willing to make any sacrifice to conform to its regulations.

In my official tour, I had prepared no Masonic lectures to deliver to the several Lodges, but I went resolved to witness their work, to examine into the state of their finances generally, and their liabilities to Grand Lodge in particular, and also the manner in which their Register, Minute and other Books, were kept. I found all the Lodges that I visited in a perfectly solvent condition, and with one or two exceptions, (and those of a trifling character) free from debt, and with a fund in the Treasury. All seem to be looking closely to the state of their finances, selection of material, &c.

On the 24th of December last, I granted a Dispensation to "St. George's" and "Maple Leaf" Lodges, of St. Catharines, to enable them on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, to consecrate and dedicate their new and beautiful Lodge-room, which has been fitted up at the joint expense of the two Lodges, and which reflects the highest credit upon all concerned in its completion. On the day following, I received a telegram from the R.W. Grand Secretary, informing me that it was the command of the M.W. Grand Master, that in consequence of the death of His Royal Highness the Prince Consort, all Masonic demonstrations, at the approaching Festival of St. John the Evangelist, should be of a private nature or postponed. I immediately communicated with the brethren of St. Catharines, and was informed in reply that the ceremony had been postponed until July,

and that interesting pleasure has accordingly been reserved for the M.W. Grand Master and this Grand Lodge. On the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, I installed the W.M. and assisted in the investiture of the other officers of "Ivy" Lodge, Smithville.

On the 28th of February, I received a circular from R.W. Br. Simpson, Deputy Grand Master, calling my attention to a resolution of Grand Lodge, passed at its last regular Communication, at London, relative to a testimonial to be presented to M.W. Past Grand Master Wilson, and on the 17th of the following month, I issued to the W.M.'s of all the Lodges in my district the following circular :

*" Office of the District Deputy Grand Master
" For the Hamilton District,
" GRIMSBY, March 17th, 1862.*

" W. SIR AND BROTHER,

" I am in receipt of a circular issued by the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, as Chairman of a Committee appointed by Grand Lodge, to procure a Testimonial to be presented to M.W. Brother W. M. Wilson, Past Grand Master, in which he desires me to comply with the terms of the subjoined resolution, passed by Grand Lodge. I have, therefore, to call your attention to the same, and to request that whatever amount your Lodge may feel disposed to give towards that object, may be immediately forwarded to the Grand Treasurer, and that you will notify me of the same.

" I am, W. Sir,

" Yours fraternally,

" (Signed)

" WILLIAM FITCH,

" District Deputy Grand Master, Hamilton District."

I regret to say that only six Lodges in my district have responded to this call, viz. : "Union" Lodge, Grimsby, "St. George's" and "Maple Leaf" Lodges, St. Catharines, each five dollars, "Barton" and "St. John's" Lodges, Hamilton, each ten dollars, and "Strict Observance" Lodge, Hamilton, twenty dollars, which sums have been transmitted to the Grand Treasurer. I much regret that the response has not been more unanimous, but I am thoroughly convinced that it has been due purely to neglect, and not to any intended disrespect.

On the 22nd of June, it afforded me much pleasure in complying with the request of the W.M., officers and brethren of "St.

Andrew's " Lodge, Caledonia, to grant them a Dispensation to wear their Masonic clothing while attending divine service, and otherwise celebrating the Festival of St. John the Baptist.

Upon that Festival I reinstalled the W.M. of " Union " Lodge, Grimsby, and assisted in the investiture of the other officers.

And I would here beg to thank the officers and brethren not only of the Lodges I have visited, but also the brethren in and out of the district generally, for the cordial and fraternal receptions I have uniformly received from them. The kind consideration of " Union " Lodge I cannot but mention also, for upon none of my official visits did I go unaccompanied by some member of my mother Lodge, and in several instances by a goodly number of them.

I have been notified of three Masonic funerals within my district during the past year, as follows :—November 4th, Br. Henry Campbell, of " St. George's " Lodge, St. Catharines; January 10th, V.W. Br. Frederick Parsons, P.M. of " Maple Leaf " Lodge, St. Catharines, formerly one of the pillars of our institution; and on January 12th, Br. Wright Barker, of " Barton " Lodge, Hamilton.

In conclusion I would, for good reasons, beg to request that action in the case of " St. John's " Lodge, Cayuga, be deferred for another year.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM FITCH,
D.D.G.M., Hamilton District.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

REPORT.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master
and the Grand Lodge of Canada.*

In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution, I beg leave to present my Report for the Toronto District, during the past Masonic year.

LODGES.

In assuming the duties of my office, it was my intention to have visited during the year, every Lodge within the limits of my jurisdiction. At the time however, when in consideration to the convenience of all parties, this could have been best effected, it appeared to be the duty of every citizen to devote his time to preparations for defence, now happily less urgent, and thus, although I have had the pleasure of visiting the majority of the Lodges within my district, some important omissions have occurred, for which, I feel my apologies to be due.

The working of the Toronto Lodges in particular, and many of the country Lodges, continued to be harmonious, accurate and efficient, and the jealous care evinced in the choice of Worshipful Masters, justifies the hope, that in this most important element, the interests of the Craft will be continued unimpaired.

It is however my duty to direct the attention of Grand Lodge to some exceptions, in which it appears to me, sufficient vigilance and discretion is not observed in securing the authorized ritual, in its perfectness and permanence, by the selection of Worshipful Masters competent to maintain and communicate it. It has I regret to say, come to my knowledge, that in more than one case, whilst Lodges have periodically changed their presiding officers, still for a succession of years, the duties of the office, so far as the ritual is concerned, have in the main, been discharged by the same Past Master or by visiting Masters from other Lodges.

This impropriety, it is fair to infer, must have arisen by reason of the inability or the negligence of the Worshipful Masters of the respective years, and as nothing can be more inconsistent with the requirements of the Masonic Law at the period of installation, in regard to both the retiring and the newly elected master, I think that some measure should be adopted by Grand Lodge, calculated to give effect to the excellent rule established by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, and his predecessor, "requiring evidence that the nominated officers are qualified to perform the work," (see M. W. Grand Master's address, page 142, Proceeding of Grand Lodge, 1861.)

NEW LODGES.

No new Lodges have been created within this district during the past year, nor have any of the twenty-three previously existing been suspended. In such a district, I think it very desirable that the extension of Masonry should within due limits, be confined to existing, rather than to the multiplication of Lodges, which latter, unless very carefully governed may sometimes be calculated to weaken the Craft by a division of effort, and possibly by a local disturbance of Masonic harmony.

In the Report of my predecessor, reference was made to the inaction of "Rehoboam" Lodge, No. 65, Toronto, but a hope was expressed, that by a transfer of the Warrant, that Lodge might be restored to efficiency. I regret to say that this hope has not been realized, and as nothing has since been done to re-establish the Lodge in due efficiency, I have felt it my duty to withdraw the Warrant, and now return it to Grand Lodge.

MASONIC DIFFERENCES.

The attention of Grand Lodge has already been directed by the Reports of my predecessors, (R. W. Brothers Richardson, 1859-60, and Harman, 1860-61,) to the differences unhappily existing between "Western Light" Lodge, No. 13, Bolton, and "True Blue" Lodge, No. 98, Albion. It is unnecessary that I should enter in any detail, into the causes or particulars of these differences, as they have already been very clearly stated and discussed in the Reports referred to, whilst the official documents in the possession of the R. W. the Grand Secretary, very fully illustrate them.

I have conceived it my duty to make personal enquiry into the matter, and have exercised my influence, I regret to say without success, towards an amicable adjustment, in the spirit of the suggestions made by my predecessor in his Report of 1861.

I am strongly of opinion that immediate, definite and final action should be adopted by Grand Lodge for the purpose of terminating the existing relation between these two Lodges, so irregular, and so manifestly at variance as they now are with

the spirit of Freemasonry. With this view, I would respectfully suggest that the whole matter, with all the documents connected with it, be referred to a special Board, to be comprised of the District Deputy Grand Masters of the Toronto and two adjoining districts, with instructions to them, to enter upon full local enquiry, and to report their opinions and decisions to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, for his immediate and final action and authority in the premises.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have to report the issue by me of the following Dispensations during the past year, the fees for which have been duly remitted the R. W. the Grand Secretary.

To the "Manito" Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood, to enable it to appear in public, in Masonic clothing, at an excursion on the 28th August, 1861.

On the 25th September, to the "St. John's" Lodge, No. 75, Toronto, to permit the brethren to wear Masonic clothing in public procession, while escorting the mortal remains of a departed brother, (Samuel Jones Smith,) late a member of that Lodge, to be embarked on board the steamer for Rochester.

On the 11th November, to "St. Andrew's" Lodge, No. 16, Toronto, to enable it to initiate Bertram Ashburnham, Viscount St. Asaph, of Ashburnham place, County of Sussex, England, he not having resided within the jurisdiction of the said Lodge for twelve months.

On the 14th November, to "St. Andrew's" Lodge, No. 16, Toronto, to enable it to pass and raise Brother Ashburnham, on the following Saturday evening, the 16th November.

To the "St. Andrews" Lodge, No. 16, Toronto, to permit the brethren thereof, to hold a Masonic Ball, in the Masonic Hall, Toronto Street, on the 19th December, 1861.

On the 23rd January, 1862, to the "Vaughan" Lodge, No. 54, Maple, to enable their Worshipful Master, Bro. Joseph Ingram, to occupy the chair for a third year. This I did, on the representation

that there was no qualified brother to succeed him, and an unanimously expressed wish on the part of the brethren.

On the 20th February, to "Markham Union" Lodge, No. 87, to enable the brethren to hold a Masonic Ball, in the Wellington Hotel, Markham, on the 27th February.

On the 19th June to "St. George's" Lodge, No. 88, Owen Sound, to enable the brethren of that Lodge, accompanied by the brethren from Meaford, to celebrate the festival of St. John the Baptist, by an excursion.

Also, on the same day, to "Corinthian" Lodge, No. 96, Barrie, to enable it to celebrate the festival of St. John the Baptist, by an excursion on Lake Simcoe.

And to "Richardson" Lodge, No. 136, Cashel, to enable the brethren of that and adjoining Lodges, to celebrate the festival of St. John the Baptist, by a public procession and other festivities.

I regret that with reference to one of these Dispensations affecting the passing and raising of a candidate, doubts have arisen, founded upon the views of our highest authority, as to my procedure, and the powers in such cases, of District Deputy Grand Masters. Acting as I did, under a conscientious regard for, and reading of what I understood to be the Law, I am anxious, that with a view to the guidance and protection of future incumbents of my office, that that Law may be clearly and fully promulgated, by its incorporation in the Constitution, should the provision of such a security commend itself to the approval of Grand Lodge.

COLORED MASONS.

Difficulties having arisen within this district during the past year, in regard to the admission or rejection of colored persons, claiming entrance to the Lodges. I respectfully submit the question to the consideration of Grand Lodge, as one entitled to and worthy of authoritative decision. I cannot think that the color of the man, can in any degree impair the claims and privileges of the Mason, and yet it is essential that the Law by which the admission of visiting brethren is restricted to those hailing from Lodges duly recognized, should be carefully adhered to, exceptional

cases of injustice may nevertheless occur, and thus it would seem that the general question should be enquired into, with a view to a settlement by the Grand Lodge of any doubts now existing in relation to it.

OBITUARY.

Since the last Communication of Grand Lodge, this district has suffered the loss of its oldest and most distinguished brother. On the 29th July, 1861, died, Thomas Gibbs Ridout, a Past Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, born at Sorel, Canada West, on the 10th October, 1792, he was brought at a very early age to the City of Toronto, by his father, (the late Brother the Hon. Thomas Ridout, Surveyor General of Upper Canada,) and was an inhabitant of that city, when yet its population numbered less than a score of white persons.

In the year 1823, his father applied for and received the Warrant of "St. Andrew's" Lodge, Toronto, one of the oldest Lodges in this Province, and the subject of this memoir, was the first candidate initiated in that Lodge. Passing through all the official grades, he at length became Master of his mother Lodge, to which position, he was subsequently re-elected on several occasions.

He was for nine years, the first principal of the "St. Andrew's" Royal Arch Chapter, and subsequently served as the Eminent Commander of the "Geoffrey de St. Aldemar" Encampment of Knights Templar.

On the institution of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West, under the Grand Lodge of England, and the nomination of Sir Allan Napier Macnab, as Provincial Grand Master, Brother Ridout received the appointment of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, an office which he continued to hold for a long series of years, and until the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada, when, in testimony of his great skill and learning as a Mason, and of his faithful services to the Craft, he was, by the unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge, exalted to the rank of a Past Grand Master.

Such was his Masonic career, nor was his life as a citizen less useful to those among whom it was cast, nor less honorable to himself. He was the founder of the Bank of Upper Canada, and

was for more than forty years, the chief executive officer of that Institution. Whilst throughout that long period, he was called by the favor of his fellow-citizens to many positions of responsibility and power. Upright and conscientious in all his dealings, possessed of great ability and a commanding mind, and of a disposition tender almost to weakness, and charitable almost beyond the limits of the most liberal generosity, he was universally respected and revered, and beloved the most by those who knew him best.

A loss so important and so much to be deplored, as that of so exalted a Mason, and so good a man, could not fail to awaken amongst the Craft, the deepest sentiments of sorrow, yet amidst the grief of such a dispensation, the consolation based upon his worth is to be found in "that vital and immortal principle which inspires a holy confidence that the Lord of life and glory, has enabled him to trample the king of terrors beneath his feet, and to lift his eyes to that bright morning star, whose rising gives peace and salvation to the faithful."

In retiring from the position which by the generous favor of my brethren I have occupied during the past year, I desire to express my grateful acknowledgments for the kind courtesy and fraternal co-operation which has been universally accorded to me by the Worshipful Masters and brethren of this district, and whilst I am convinced that the shortcomings and imperfections of the Masonic administrator, can never permanently impair the pure light of Masonry, yet it will be gratifying to me to be allowed to believe that its interests have not suffered in my hands, and that the office I now resign passes unsullied to the hands of my successor.

All of which I have the honor to submit.

WILLIAM G. STORM,

D. D. G. M., Toronto District.

TORONTO, June 30th, 1862.

ONTARIO DISTRICT.

REPORT.

Most Worshipful Grand Master.

I have the honor to present the Annual Report for the Ontario district in accordance with the regulations of Grand Lodge.

In addition to the Lodge to which I belong, "St. John's," Cobourg, I have, during the year, visited officially the Lodges at Brighton, Campbellford, Hastings, Peterborough, Newcastle, Bowmanville and Whitby. Speaking generally, I found them in a flourishing condition. There is an evident desire on the part of all to become better acquainted with the genuine work. I trust Grand Lodge will soon decide upon a satisfactory mode of promulgating it.

The remaining Lodges in the district, those at Port Hope, Mill Brook, Lindsay, Colborne and Oshawa, I have unfortunately been unable to visit.

I do not think that the Lodge at Oshawa has ever been in working order, even under its Dispensation, at all events I have had no information on the subject. Grand Lodge, at its last Annual Communication, granted a Warrant of Constitution to this Lodge, which I learn has never been taken out of the Grand Secretary's office.

I have just been informed by the W. M. of this Lodge, that it is now prepared to organize.

There has been no increase in the number of Lodges, in the district, within the past year. An application was sent to me for a Dispensation, for a second Lodge at Peterborough, but it was not perfected.

In practice, the By-Laws of private Lodges are confirmed by the District Deputy Grand Masters, although the regulations of Grand Lodge seem to require that the Grand Master himself should confirm them. I recommend that in this respect the regulations should be varied so as to conform to the practice.

I would also suggest that duplicates of the semi-annual returns from Lodges, now sent to the Grand Secretary, should in future

be required to be forwarded to the District Deputy Grand Masters.

I have to record the death of R.W. Brother George Cunningham, the first Master of "Corinthian" Lodge, Peterborough, and a past Senior Grand Warden of the late Provincial Grand Lodge of Upper Canada.

At its last Annual Communication, Grand Lodge directed a sum of \$58 90cts. to be paid to "Miner's" Lodge, Galena, Illinois, claimed to be due from "Jerusalem" Lodge, Bowmanville. The Grand Treasurer accordingly paid the money, and went to "Jerusalem" Lodge to reimburse Grand Lodge. The answer to his application not being deemed satisfactory, I received your commands, through the Grand Secretary, to investigate the matter, which I have done.

The facts, so far as they affect the question of the liability of "Jerusalem" Lodge, appear to be these. On 24th October, 1859, the Secretary of "Miner's" Lodge wrote to the Secretary of "Jerusalem" Lodge asking whether one James T. Bailey, then lying sick of typhoid fever, at Galena, (of which he subsequently died) was a member of "Jerusalem" Lodge, if so if he still held connection with it and was in good standing. On the 29th of the same month, Br. Squair, the Secretary of "Jerusalem" Lodge, without special authority, wrote thus in reply:—"Br. Bailey is a member of our Lodge here, and has been so for a long time, he has had no certificate, nor has he withdrawn from our Lodge. As to his standing, he is fully good. There has been no charge brought against him of any kind whatever," adding, "I write this upon my own responsibility, as we do not meet for some time yet—as soon as we do, I will lay the matter before the Lodge."—Brother Squair, never communicated the contents of this reply to his Lodge or to his brethren. At this time "Jerusalem" Lodge was under suspension, by direction of Grand Lodge, in consequence of its Master having neglected to answer some letters from my predecessor. Br. Bailey's name does not appear to have been included in the returns sent to Grand Secretary on 24th June, 1859, although I cannot find from the records of the Lodge, that he was ever excluded. On the death of Br. Bailey, "Miner's" Lodge

forwarded to "Jerusalem" Lodge a memorandum of the expenses incurred in connection with his illness and funeral, asking repayment. On 7th March, 1860, it was resolved by "Jerusalem" Lodge, on motion, seconded by Br. Squair, "that this Lodge is of opinion that from the fact of Br. Bailey not having been in good standing with the Craft here, very largely in arrears for a considerable time previous to his having left, and having from misconduct forfeited any claim upon this Lodge, the expenses in connection with his funeral does not fairly fall upon this Lodge." How Br. Squair came to second this motion under all the circumstances of which he was aware, although his brethren were not, does not appear, I was unable to see him on the subject.—This was the first intimation that "Miner's" Lodge had of the complaints against brother Bailey. On receipt of this resolution, "Miner's" Lodge complained to the Grand Master of Illinois, who forwarded the papers to the Grand Master of Canada, "to take such action in the business as to him might seem right and proper"—hence the resolution of Grand Lodge directing payment to which I have adverted. (See proceedings of 1861, page 207.)

"Jerusalem" Lodge has now only a few paying members, and is not, I understand, in a position to re-imburse Grand Lodge the money advanced. What, under all the circumstances attending this unpleasant case, ought to be now done, I leave to Grand Lodge to decide.

W. H. WELLER,
D. D. G. M., Ontario District.

ONTARIO, 1862.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

REPORT.

*To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.*

It was, undoubtedly, intended by the Grand Lodge of Canada, in requiring District Deputy Grand Masters to make an annual report as to the position of the Craft in their respective districts, that

only such matters should be mentioned in the Report as requires the action of the Grand Body, and I am pleased to add that my report will be necessarily brief, as not having anything of such nature to mention therein. I have but to state that the prosperity of the Craft in the Prince Edward District, in the year just expired, remains unabated.

The fact of no new Lodges being added to the number mentioned in the last session of the Grand Body, seems to be a matter of congratulation than of regret; in a small district as that of the Prince Edward, it is better that a few Lodges should work well and prosperously than that many should be established only to languish and decay; I look, however, with much satisfaction to the fact that the *thirteen* Lodges in this district have made not only a large but healthy and valuable addition to the district at large.

During the recess I have visited as many Lodges within the district as the nature of my private avocations would permit. I have installed the officers of the "Prince of Wales" Lodge, to whom a charter was granted at the last Annual Communication; and, judging from the character of those presiding over that Lodge, I have no hesitation in saying that it will take a high Masonic stand amongst the Lodges of the district. I have paid visits to many other Lodges, and installed the officers of some, and I have once more to thank my brethren of the district for the cordial and fraternal reception they have ever accorded to me.

I have had various applications for Dispensations, all of which except one desiring brethren to be passed or raised at shorter date than that allowed by the Constitution, the reasons for such requests were in all cases sufficiently unsatisfactory to induce me to refuse the several applications, the one exception mentioned above was a petition to permit a Lodge to re-consider a ballot declared foul at the last regular Communication, I feel competent as to the correctness of my opinion that it was not within the power of the District Deputy Grand Master to grant such Dispensation, I did however submit the case, at the request of the Lodge, to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, who was pleased to grant the Dispensation prayed for.

I regret that the Right Worshipful the Grand Secretary was instructed to issue a circular of censure and advice, concerning the granting of Dispensations by District Deputy Grand Masters, and having already shewn that in no instance have I exercised even the power vested in me, I cannot help but say that the circular in my case, was unnecessary and uncalled for, and I fear that in this instance, the innocent have been made to suffer for and with the guilty.

My labors have been materially lessened by the valuable services of Worshipful Brother Sisson, District Grand Secretary, who has for three years held that responsible situation, with honor to himself and credit to the district, as well as by the assistance of a number of the most experienced Past Masters of the Lodges over which I have the honor to preside.

On returning into the hands of the Grand Body the trust reposed in me, I beg leave to add the assurance of my best and constant wishes for the welfare of the Craft in this Province, and in particular of the Prince Edward District.

ALFRED A. CAMPBELL,
D. D. G. M., Prince Edward District.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS DISTRICT.

REPORT.

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge
of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.*

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I beg leave to lay before the Grand Lodge the following Report for the Eastern Townships District, entrusted to my supervision, by the kindness of my brethren at the last Communication of the Grand Lodge.

I will therefore proceed, in as brief a manner as possible, to lay before Grand Lodge such matters of interest, as came before me in my official capacity during the past year. I was applied to by the brethren of "Nelson" Lodge, E. R., Clarenceville, for a Warrant under the Grand Lodge of Canada, in exchange for that under which they had been working, I therefore cheerfully forwarded their old Warrant, together with their petition, to the Right Worshipful the Grand Secretary, when he immediately sent me the Warrant, empowering them to meet as "Clarenceville" Lodge, No. 152, and on the eleventh of January, I had the pleasure of installing the officers, and from the character of the brethren who have the honor of presiding over this Lodge, I have no doubt that they will give a good account of themselves at the next annual meeting of this Grand Body.

There has been but one Masonic funeral in this district during the past year, that of Brother Daniel Meigs, of "Stanbridge" Lodge, No. 117, his remains were followed to the grave by a large number of the Craft, and his loss is deeply felt in the community of which he was an enterprising member.

On the twenty-fourth of December, the Officers of "Nelson" Lodge, No. 8, Henryville, applied to me for permission to remove their Lodge to Phillipsburg, a distance of about nine miles, and finding that a majority of the brethren were in favor of the change, I granted their request, and on the twenty-first of January, when I visited them, I found they had fitted up a Lodge room in a manner deserving of much credit.

On the evening of the twenty-fourth of December, I received a telegraph message from R. W. Brother Harris, G. S., to have all Masonic Balls postponed, on account of the death of his Royal Highness the Prince Consort, I accordingly notified all the Lodges in my district.

On the fifteenth of February, the W. M. of "Provost" Lodge, No. 1, Dunham, applied to me for a Dispensation to hold a Masonic Ball at the house of Brother Sager, at Pigeon Hill, which I granted.

A complaint having been made by "Dorchester" and "Shefford" Lodges, against "Provost" Lodge, No. 1, of Dunham, for alleged violation of the Constitution, I accordingly proceeded to make enquiry into the matter, and after receiving a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the fourth of July, and from further evidence which I thought satisfactory, I came to the conclusion that the brethren of "Provost" Lodge, had not been guilty of any wilful violation of the Constitution.

I have visited all the Lodges in my district with the exception of two, and I was in the hope of visiting them, but circumstances over which I had no control prevented my doing so, and I take this opportunity of offering my apology to the brethren of Richmond and Sherbrooke for my apparent neglect.

There are at present ten Masonic Lodges in this district, all in a most flourishing condition, and working harmoniously and with true Masonic friendship, when making my official visits, I have endeavoured to exemplify the work as adopted by the Grand Lodge, and I am happy to find a strong desire manifested on the part of all the Lodges to make themselves acquainted with the ritual. I cannot close my report without returning my best thanks to the R. W. Grand Secretary, for his uniform kindness during the year I have had the honor to preside over the Eastern Townships District.

It now remains for me to return thanks to the brethren of this district, for the kind manner they received me on all my official visits to their several Lodges, and I sincerely hope the G.A.O.T.U. may continue to preserve our order, by cementing and adorning it with every moral and social virtue.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. T. MOREHOUSE,
D.D.G.M., for the Eastern Townships District.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

REPORT.

*To the M. W. the Grand Master,
and the Grand Lodge of Canada.*

I have the honor, in accordance with constitutional requirement, to present Grand Lodge with a brief statement of the condition of Freemasonry in the District of Montreal.

The Lodges in this district, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, are five in number; four of which, viz :—Lodge of “Antiquity,” “St. George’s,” No. 19, “Zetland,” No. 21, and “Montreal Kilwinning,” No. 124, are located in the City of Montreal, the fifth, “Hoyle” Lodge, No. 60, at LaColle, a village about forty miles distant.

It has been my privilege, at various times during the year, to visit each of these Lodges in my official capacity, and it affords me great gratification to be able to say, that I found them all in a very satisfactory condition. The officers are, for the most part, zealous and efficient in the discharge of their duties; the membership generally, are regular in their attendance, and take a deep interest in the welfare of the institution. In some Lodges the additions to the membership have been fewer than the average of previous years, whilst in others a marked improvement in this respect has taken place, particular attention I am given to understand, having been paid to the character and fitness of candidates for initiation. In all the Lodges, there exists an earnest desire on the part of the brethren, to obtain a fuller knowledge of the principles, usages and customs of our excellent institution, the attainment of which, it is to be hoped, will lead them to exemplify in their intercourse with mankind, the benign influences of those precepts, which are constantly inculcated upon the members of our fraternity.

The utmost harmony continues to prevail amongst us. In only one instance, so far as I am aware, has the exercise of Lodge discipline been found to be necessary, and within the whole period of two years, during which I have had the honor to administer the

duties of the office I now hold, no case has arisen to require my official interference. At no previous period within my recollection has the cause of Freemasonry in this district been more prosperous, or its prospects more encouraging than they appear to be at present.

The so-called "St. George's" and "St. Lawrence," (irregular Lodges in the City of Montreal, working under extinct English Warrants, in reference to which Grand Lodge took decisive action at the last two Annual Communications,) still continue their operations, and in so doing receive the countenance and protection of the Grand Lodge of England, notwithstanding the action of this Grand Lodge in reference to them, and the formal edict issued by the M. W. Grand Master.

The "St. Paul's" Lodge, No. 514, Register of England, and the "Elgin" Lodge, No. 348, Register of Scotland,—the only *regular* Lodges in the district *not* under our jurisdiction, continue in close fraternal fellowship with the brethren of those spurious Lodges, the effect of which is to deprive our brethren of the pleasure of visiting them, and the interchange of other fraternal courtesies, so desirable between members of different Lodges. They entertain the highest respect for the brethren of both "St. Paul's" and "Elgin" Lodges, and regret exceedingly that difficulties intervene to prevent the cultivation of a closer and more intimate relationship. In regard to the propriety of our members visiting those Lodges, I may be permitted to say, that whenever the question has been put to me, I have held the opinion, that it would be equally a Masonic offence to visit regular Lodges, knowing that members of those clandestine institutions were present, as to visit directly the irregular Lodges themselves.

In order to shew the state of feeling which exists in some quarters, in reference to our relations with those Lodges, I consider it my duty to mention to Grand Lodge a circumstance which took place near the close of the last Masonic year. It has been customary for the Lodges in the City of Montreal to celebrate the festival of St. John the Evangelist, and with a view to facilitate the sending of deputations to exchange fraternal greetings, it is usual for the officers elect of the various Lodges, to notify each

other of the time and place where their respective celebrations are proposed to be held. A few days previous to last St. John's day, I received a visit from the immediate P.M. of "St. Paul's" Lodge, who informed me that he had been deputed to communicate with me in regard to the subject of delegations on the approaching festival. He stated that, at a meeting of the Past Masters of "St. Paul's" Lodge, this question was considered, and the conclusion arrived at, was, that in view of the difficulties which existed in regard to the "St. George's" and "St. Lawrence" Lodges, it would not be expedient for the "St. Paul's" Lodge to send the usual deputations to the Canadian Lodges, unless those Lodges would consent to receive deputations from the "St. George's" and "St. Lawrence," and intimated that in the event of our refusing to do so, the brethren of "St. Paul's" would be under the painful necessity of declining to receive our delegations. He requested me also, as D.D.G.M. to convey this decision to the Masters of the Lodges under my jurisdiction.

After expressing my surprise at the object of his visit, I replied that I could not recognize the authority of a Board of Past Masters to interfere in any such matter;—that the important question which formed the ground of difficulty, must be and no doubt would be arranged between the Grand Lodges of England and Canada;—that in my opinion, neither a Board of Past Masters, nor a private Lodge possessed the right to prohibit intercourse with the brethren of other jurisdictions, so long as friendly relations existed between their respective Grand Lodges;—that the Grand Lodge of Canada had expressly forbidden all intercourse or communication between its members and those clandestine Lodges, and that therefore we could not hesitate a moment in refusing to receive deputations from them, as we had already done on a similar occasion two years ago.

I gave him to understand that as D.D.G.M. I could not comply with the request to communicate to the Masters of our Lodges, the resolution of the Past Masters of "St. Paul's" Lodge, and that as Master elect of "St. George's," No. 19, it would be my duty on St. John's day, to send the customary delegations to all the regular Lodges in the city, and that if the brethren of "St. Paul's" Lodge

should see fit to decline to receive them, they must be prepared to accept the responsibility, as in such an event, a complaint would doubtless be immediately laid against them. I hoped, however, that matters would not be further complicated, by the commission on their part, of what I conceived would be a serious Masonic blunder. The Worshipful Masters of the other Lodges under our jurisdiction, were also personally waited upon, by officers of "St. Paul's" Lodge, in regard to this question, and with one exception, they took a similar view of the case.

I am glad to state, however, that on the part of the Lodge before named, better and wiser counsels finally prevailed. On St. John's day equally to our surprise and delight, our deputations were most cordially and enthusiastically received in "St. Paul's" Lodge, and I need hardly say that the deputation from that Lodge, was received with equal cordiality and enthusiasm, by the brethren under our jurisdiction. Thus happily ended an injudicious and ill-advised attempt to disturb the good feeling which has existed between the brethren of these two jurisdictions, ever since the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada by England, and from the Masonic spirit which has recently been manifested, we are encouraged to hope that their fraternal fellowship will not again be interrupted.

During last winter a movement was set on foot to revive the English Warrant under which the "Zetland" Lodge, of Montreal, existed, previous to the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Canada. This Warrant has been extinct since 1855, having been surrendered at the same time and under the same circumstances as the English Warrants of "St. George's" and "St. Lawrence" Lodges, and the Zetland brethren have ever since that period been working harmoniously under our jurisdiction. For some considerable time, the opponents of the Grand Lodge of Canada, have intimated their intention of resuscitating the old English "Zetland" Warrant, and during the winter, the most active exertions were made to induce certain brethren to assist in getting it back, with a view of opening a Lodge under it, in the same way as had been done in the cases of the "St. George's" and "St. Lawrence." In a letter sent by Bro. John O. Brown, of Montreal, to Bro.

Dawson, of Quebec, (formerly a member and an officer of "Zetland" Lodge, but who has been a resident of Quebec for a number of years,) it was stated that R. W. Bro. Badgley would give back the said "Zetland" Warrant, if a sufficient number of brethren were to petition for it, and a form of memorial to that effect, was enclosed for him to sign. The document by some means came into the possession of R. W. Bro. E. Morris, through whom it came under my notice.

I have thought it proper to bring this matter before Grand Lodge, that if deemed necessary, some action may be taken to prevent in future, such proceedings within the jurisdiction. I have always understood, that at the time of the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Canada, by that of England, the office of Provincial Grand Master was abolished in every district throughout the Province, except that of Quebec, and if this be the case, it is perfectly clear that the brethren who formally held commissions as Provincial Grand Masters in Canada, no longer possess authority to exercise official Masonic functions, while I submit that they certainly never had the power to revive Warrants, which had become extinct by being surrendered.

In the month of April, I received a memorial from certain brethren, praying for a Dispensation, to open a new Lodge in the city of Montreal, but for various reasons, amongst which was the fact, that the brother who was nominated as the first W. M., had about four months previously, been suspended for unmasonic conduct, I considered it my duty to refuse to recommend the petition.

Grand Lodge will learn with regret of the removal from the Province, of one of the most prominent and zealous Freemasons in Lower Canada:—R. W. Bro. Edwin Morris, late of Montreal, who has taken up his residence in the metropolis of Great Britain. Bro. Morris' talents and devotion to the order had secured for him the universal respect and esteem of the brethren, not only in Montreal, but wherever he was known throughout the Province.—For a period of two years, he occupied the position of D.D.G.M. for the Montreal District, the duties of which office he discharged with singular fidelity and ability. He was ever a warm friend and staunch supporter of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and it

will afford him pleasure to know that in returning to the land of his nativity, he carries with him the best wishes of a host of Canadian friends, who, whilst they fraternally bid him God-speed in his new undertaking, sincerely regret his absence, and would gladly welcome his return.

The frequent meetings of Grand Lodge, at points so inaccessible, comparatively speaking, to brethren from Lower Canada, is a source of grievance in that section of the country. With a view to remedy this, I venture most respectfully to submit to Grand Lodge, the propriety of fixing the places of meeting alternately at Toronto and Montreal, or at any other place or places that may be found more suitable and desirable.

On the 19th of June, I granted a Dispensation to the brethren of "Montreal Kilwinning" Lodge, No. 124, to wear Masonic Regalia on the occasion of a Pic-Nic which the members of that Lodge held at Vandreuil, on the 24th ult., the festival of St. John the Baptist. The Pic-Nic was not to be of a public character, but was intended only for the members of the Lodge and their families.

With regard to the "Wilson" testimonial, I have to report, that in accordance with the resolution of Grand Lodge, I brought the matter before the Lodges in my District, shortly after the last Annual Communication. Only recently, however, action has been taken in regard to it, and in one Lodge the matter has been allowed to lie over for a short time, but I am persuaded that the brethren who compose it will also shortly contribute their quota. The result, so far as it goes, is highly gratifying. The following are the amounts appropriated :—

Lodge of Antiquity,	\$20.00.	
St. George's, No. 19, (from Lodge Fund)	\$20.00, }	\$40.00.
" " subscriptions of members, ..	\$20.00, }	
Zetland, No. 21,	\$20.00	
Total,		\$80.00

The brethren of "Hoyle" Lodge, No. 60, sent their contribution to the London Committee last year.

I have had the pleasure of handing to the Grand Treasurer, the amount above named, (\$80.00,) and I cherish the hope that the necessary funds for this testimonial,—so well deserved yet so long delayed,—will speedily be forthcoming, and that the brethren throughout the province will soon enjoy the satisfaction of giving expression, in a substantial form, to the feelings of gratitude which they entertain towards that distinguished brother, to whom the Craft in Canada are under such deep and lasting obligations.

The subject of the "Masonic Asylum" has also engaged the attention of the Lodges in this District. "Hoyle" Lodge has forwarded the sum of twenty-five dollars, but the Lodges in the City of Montreal have not yet arrived at any decision as regards the amounts to be appropriated. The matter is looked upon as exceedingly important, and concerted action on the part of the four city Lodges, will shortly be had on the subject. Let us hope that the contributions to this enterprise, will be on such a liberal scale, as will enable the Committee, at no distant day, to erect an edifice worthy of the Masons of Canada, which shall not only afford the shelter of a home to aged, infirm and destitute brethren, but will be looked upon with pride and pleasure, by every member of the Fraternity.

The whole nevertheless, most respectfully submitted,

A. A. STEVENSON,

D. D. G. M., for the District of Montreal.

MONTREAL, July, 1862.

QUEBEC DISTRICT.

REPORT.

*To the M. W. the Grand Lodge
of A. F. and A. M. of Canada.*

In compliance with the regulations of Grand Lodge, I have the honor to submit the following report of Masonic proceedings, in the Quebec District, during the past year :

It affords me much pleasure to be enabled to state that all the Lodges under your jurisdiction, in this district, are in a flourishing condition, and working harmoniously, in proof of which I may mention that the regular meetings of the several Lodges have

been regularly and punctually held, and well attended, and that no subject of Masonic complaint has, in any instance, been officially brought before me, during the past year.

In the month of December last, I granted Dispensations to the several Lodges in this district, enabling them to celebrate the Anniversary of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, by a Masonic Ball, but which I was subsequently compelled to revoke, in virtue of an order of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, prohibiting any Masonic celebration on the occasion of the festival in question, in consequence of the deep affliction with which our beloved Sovereign, and the British Empire generally, had been visited, by the deeply lamented and almost sudden death of His Royal Highness the Prince Consort; and I am happy to say that, although nearly all the arrangements in connection with the Ball had been, in the interval, almost completed, and consequently considerable expense incurred, that the deep feeling of sympathy entertained by the brethren for the sad and irreparable bereavement which our Most Gracious Sovereign had sustained, was such that the disappointment occasioned by the revocation of the Dispensation to participate in the festivity alluded to, was cheerfully borne, while there was but one expression of feeling—that of heart-felt sorrow for the cause which had led to it.

I will briefly allude to the transactions of each of the Lodges under my control, in their order of seniority :—

“ HARRINGTON ” LODGE, No. 49.

I am sorry to have to remark that this Lodge is not so well worked as I could wish. I took occasion, however, to intimate my views on the subject to the Worshipful Master on the occasion of his second installation, and I trust improved working will be the result.

In the month of February last, I granted a Dispensation to this Lodge to attend the funeral of a very worthy and highly esteemed brother, of “ St. John’s ” Lodge, No. 214, E.R., named Scott, whose loss was deservedly regretted by all the members of the fraternity, and of the community generally, who had the pleasure and advantage of his acquaintance.

"SHAWENEGAM" LODGE, No. 134.

I was unable to visit this Lodge since the period of my last report, but I am gratified to be enabled to state that it continues in the same prosperous and flourishing condition as when I last reported, having in the interim received a large accession of active and valuable members, and that the most fraternal cordiality and brotherly love prevail among all its members. In the month of February last, I granted a Dispensation to this Lodge to give a Masonic Ball, which, I believe, was attended and carried out with harmony and brotherly love.

"CIVIL SERVICE" LODGE, No. 148.

It affords me much pleasure and satisfaction to testify to the good working and efficiency of the officers of this Lodge, and also to the harmony and brotherly love which prevail among the brethren. Since my last report this Lodge has advanced considerably in prosperity, and added largely to its list of members.

In the month of August last, I granted a Dispensation to the brethren of the above Lodges to participate in the celebration of laying the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall, to which I made allusion in my last report. This beautiful and elegant structure is now nearly completed, and I trust the Lodges will soon be able to meet in it, from which I draw hopeful inferences of increased attendance on the part of the brethren, from the more commodious and salubrious accommodation the building will afford.

I exceedingly regret that family illness, and other uncontrollable circumstances, will prevent me from the advantage of attending Grand Lodge on the occasion of its approaching Annual Communication.

The whole respectfully submitted.

R. POPE,
D.D.G.M., Quebec District.

QUEBEC, 26th June, 1862.

It was on motion,

Resolved—That the address of the M. W. Grand Master and the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters for the several Masonic Districts, be referred to the Board of General Purposes.

R. W. Br. George F. LaSerre informed Grand Lodge that he had prepared his report for the Central District, but had omitted to bring it with him. He had however some papers having reference to an appeal made by Br. Sinauer, against the action of "Doric Lodge," No. 58, at Ottawa, which had been referred to him for investigation, by the M. W. Grand Master.

The R. W. Brothers' report, was ordered to be printed with the proceedings of Grand Lodge, and the papers alluded to, were referred to the Board of General Purposes.

The M. W. Grand Master announced in Grand Lodge, that since his arrival at St. Catharines he had been furnished with credentials, appointing R. W. Br. Thomas Drummond, of Kingston,—the representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, at the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The appointment was fully concurred in by Grand Lodge, with the customary Masonic salutations. The M. W. Grand Master constituted the R. W. Br. Drummond, an honorary member of Grand Lodge, with the rank of Past Grand Junior Warden.

The M. W. Grand Master, with the concurrence of Grand Lodge, was pleased to nominate R. W. Br. Lindsay Mackersey, of Edinburgh, to be the representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, at the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

It was moved by R. W. Br. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R. W. Br. Æmilus Irving, and

Resolved—That warrants of Constitution be granted to "Burns" Lodge, Wyoming, and "Irving" Lodge, Lucan, now working under dispensations, and the Grand Secretary be hereby authorized to prepare and issue the same.

In accordance with a notice of motion given at the last Annual Communication.

It was moved by R. W. Br. Æmilius Irving, seconded by R.W. Br. W. B. Simpson, and unanimously adopted,—

That the next regular Communication of Grand Lodge, for 1863, be held at the City of Montreal.

R.W. Br. George F. LaSerre, gave notice he would move at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, that the Annual Communication for 1864, be held at the town of Belleville.

W. Br. Daniel Spry, gave notice he would move that the Annual Communication for 1864, be held in the city of Toronto.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet on to-morrow, (Thursday) at 11 o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, 10th July, 1862.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at High twelve.

M. W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The Board of General Purposes, to whom was referred the consideration of matters contained in the M.W. Grand Masters address, submitted the following

R E P O R T.

M.W. GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Board, before entering upon the consideration of the various important matters brought under the notice of Grand Lodge by the M.W. the Grand Master, in his very able address, desire to

express the high satisfaction its perusal has afforded, a satisfaction expressed by Grand Lodge, at the conclusion of its delivery, by hearty applause; and which the Board believe will be shared by all the subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The Board, with humble gratitude towards the Most High, would acknowledge those mercies of continued existence, health and happiness, so graciously vouchsafed to us during the past year, and to which the Grand Master has so correctly and feelingly alluded. May the lives thus spared be dedicated wholly to the service of the GREAT CREATOR; and may the peculiar privileges which our Order confers inspire us with a higher sense of our responsibilities towards HIM, whose we are and whom we serve, and stimulate us the more to labor for the diffusion of Light and Happiness among our fellow creatures.

With our joys are intimately associated our sorrows. With the possession of *Life*, we are constantly reminded that we are in the midst of *Death*. Amongst the bereavements chronicled since our last Annual Meeting are two, eminently worthy a place in the records of Masonry. By one a nation was plunged into the most profound grief; indeed it may be said that, throughout the world wherever the fame of England's Queen had reached, true and deep-felt sympathy was expressed for the Royal Widow, and for the fatherless children. No expression of sorrow for the national loss—no tribute to the worth of the deceased Prince Consort could be offered by the Board in terms more just than those so eloquently employed by the M.W. Grand Master. The Board recommend that a respectful address of condolence to our beloved Queen be prepared by a Committee to be appointed for that purpose by the Grand Master, and that the same be transmitted through His Excellency the Governor General. The Craft in Canada will deem this to be the duty of Grand Lodge, on the occasion of its first meeting, after the death of Prince Albert, not only as expressive of that grief shared in common with all Her Majesty's subjects, but peculiarly befitting Masons, who recognise in their Queen the daughter of a Grand Master and the niece of the illustrious Duke of Sussex, who for many years was Grand Master of England.

We have also had in this country to mourn for one beloved by all who knew him—one whose name was as “a household word” throughout the Lodges in Canada. In this instance, as in that of the illustrious Prince Consort, were the Board to select words to give expression to the sense of public worth and private virtues in which the late M. W. P. G. M. Ridout was held, they would appropriate for that purpose the language of the Grand Master when alluding to this afflictive dispensation. The extensive circulation of that fitting tribute to the worth of our late M. W. Brother Ridout will be hailed with satisfaction throughout the Craft. It will incite the brethren to cherish the virtues, to emulate the public spirit, and to keep in grateful remembrance the benefits conferred upon Masonry by the late M. W. P. G. M. Ridout, whose *conduct*, *steps* and *intentions* demonstrated invariably that, with him, the *square*, the *level* and the *plumb-rule* were not unmeaning symbols.

To the widow of M. W. P. G. M. Ridout, the Board recommend the tender, by Grand Lodge, of sincere condolence in such manner as may to the M. W. the Grand Master appear the most appropriate, and, as a further evidence of the desire of Grand Lodge to testify the high sense in which the Masons of Canada hold the memory of M. W. Brother Ridout, the Board recommend that the Grand Master request Mrs. Ridout to allow Grand Lodge to charge itself with the annual expense for education at Upper Canada College, of one of her sons.

The Board learn with much satisfaction that “the Order pursues its course of quiet, unobtrusive usefulness and progression,” nor do they see any cause for discouragement in the fact of three Lodges only having been added to our roll during the past year.

The Board strongly recommend the most jealous care being observed in dealing with applications for new Lodges. In cities and towns the number should in no instance be increased while existing Lodges are not inconveniently full; nor in the rural districts should a Dispensation be granted till the most conclusive proof be furnished of the want of a Lodge, by reason of excessive distance from an established Lodge, and of the reasonable prospect of accessions without solicitation. The Board are of opinion that the best interests of Masonry are more likely to be injuriously

affected through a large increase of members and an unnecessary multiplication of Lodges than otherwise. It cannot be too strongly enforced that the spread of true Masonic principles is the business of Masonry rather than the obtaining influence through numbers. There is an evil in the multiplication of Lodges beyond their necessity. Debt is created beyond the ability of those originating such to discharge. Persons are in such cases not unfrequently sought to join, in order that through their fees such liability may be discharged. There are instances in which the pecuniary difficulties of Lodges have made Masonry a by-word among the uninitiated. The functions of a city Lodge are at the present suspended for the reason that the Warrant was seized for rent. The Board are of opinion that were it made obligatory on the part of applicants for Dispensations to deposit the amount necessary for the comfortable fitting-up of Lodge-rooms, a far more healthy condition would exist.

In reference to dormant Lodges, the Board recommend that the Grand Secretary summon such before Grand Lodge at its next session to shew cause why their Warrants respectively should not be finally withdrawn.

As regards the flagrant violation of the Ballot, to which the M.W. the Grand Master alludes, little need be said. In every case of the kind the breach of law should be promptly followed with the punishment prescribed by the Constitution.

The amendments rendered necessary to the Book of Constitution, especially in consequence of the creation of the "Board of General Purposes," will be reported during this session.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the intended Masonic Asylum, will report during this session.

The Board are unable, under present circumstances and pending the construction of the Masonic Asylum, to discover any better plan for the distribution of benevolent aid to deserving objects than that generally adopted by subordinate Lodges, through their "Benevolent Committees," except in very special cases with which Grand Lodge can conveniently deal.

The Board regard the suggestion of prominent places of Grand

Lodge meeting as being eminently worthy the attention of Grand Lodge; but of too much importance to be dealt with until sufficient time elapse for consideration by subordinate Lodges.

The Board join with the M.W. the Grand Master in the hope that the Committee of Grand Lodge to whom, at last session, was referred the whole subject of a testimonial to M. W. P. G. M. Wilson, with power to procure and present the same, may be enabled to do so during the present session.

The Board rejoice to hear that the most friendly feeling continues to exist between this Grand Lodge and those Grand Lodges of the United States, with which correspondence can be maintained in the present unhappy condition of that country.

The Board sincerely regret that serious difficulties continue to exist between the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland and this Grand Lodge. The Board see no just ground for disturbing the action already had by this Grand Lodge; and, therefore, fully sustain the course already taken by the M.W. the Grand Master; at the same time, the Board can see no objection to the reception and consideration of any further evidence in the power of either Grand Lodge to submit to this Grand Lodge, and will hail with lively satisfaction the production of any evidence which will have the effect of restoring those amicable relations so much desired by this Grand Lodge with the Grand Lodges of England and Ireland.

It was moved by R.W. Br. George F. LaSerre, seconded by R. W. Br. Rev. Vincent Clementi, and

Resolved—That the report from the Board of General Purposes on the Grand Master's Address, be received and adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master, appointed R.W. Br. W. J. B. McLeod Moore and W. Br. Gustavus R. Jervis, in conjunction with W. Br. L. H. Henderson and Br. A. S. Kirkpatrick, previously appointed by the Board of General Purposes, scrutineer's to collect the ballots for the election of members of the Board of General Purposes, for the ensuing Masonic year.

R. W. Br. Æmilius Irving, from the Committee on Masonic Asylum fund, submitted the following

MASONIC ASYLUM REPORT.

The Masonic Asylum Committee beg leave to report that the sum of one thousand dollars has been collected from the Lodges and a further sum of five hundred dollars has been guaranteed to be paid as the work progresses.

Although your Committee are disappointed in the amount of returns made up to this time, yet, they look confidently to ultimate success, as they are assured that the subject has not been generally taken up; and also that the difficulties in the United States, which have unhappily disturbed the trade of this Province have also affected temporarily the subscriptions to this most interesting and noble object.

Your Committee also learn that the friends of the city of Toronto, and of the towns of Cobourg and Galt, are prepared with offers of sites for the Asylum, with other inducements to locate the same at one of these places; but as no time has been limited at which these offers should be made, your Committee are of opinion that all localities interested should make known their respective offers to the Board of General Purposes, under sealed cover, directed to the Grand Secretary, on or before the first of January next, such offers to be marked outside "Offers for Masonic Asylum," after which date no offers should be received. Your Committee further recommend that the Board of General Purposes should then open these offers with due regard to the interests of all, and should thereupon strike a Committee to represent the Craft in each place whence an offer emanates, who will meet and consider each on its merits, and, guided by the true spirit of Masonry, recommend for the confirmation of Grand Lodge, at its Annual Communication in July, 1863, that which is every respect the most eligible, in accordance with the Report of this Committee, adopted at the last Annual Communication.

Your Committee hope that they may be still kept in existence, but with an accession of members, with leave to report from time

to time; and also that the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit as early as possible a copy of this Report to every Lodge in the Province, with the view of applying for subscriptions from such as have not yet made returns, which Report shall be accompanied by a list of the Lodges which have already subscribed, shewing the amount of each subscription, and also a list of the Lodges which have not as yet made returns.

All which is respectfully submitted and signed on behalf of the Committee, in the absence of the Chairman, R.W. Br. S.B. Harman.

ÆMILIUS IRVING.

STATEMENT.

Monies received during the past year on account of the Masonic Asylum Fund.

No.			\$	Cts.
4.—Dorchester	Lodge	St Johns	102.	50
8.—Nelson	"	Phillipsburg	53.	00
10.—Norfolk	"	Simcoe	60.	50
13.—Western Light	"	Bolton	23.	00
49.—Harington	"	Quebec	36.	00
51.—Corinthian	"	Grahamville	25.	00
56.—Victoria	"	Sarnia	31.	00
58.—Doric	"	Ottawa	80.	00
59.—Corinthian	"	"	100.	00
60.—Hoyle	"	La Colle	25.	00
78.—King Hiram	"	Tillsonburg	68.	50
83.—Beaver	"	Strathroy	29.	00
96.—Corinthian	"	Barrie	82.	50
101.—Corinthian	"	Peterboro'	65.	75
113.—Wilson	"	Waterford	57.	00
116.—Cassia	"	Sylvan	25.	00
117.—Stanbridge	"	Stanbridge	35.	00
130.—Yamaska	"	Granby	26.	00
141.—Tudor	"	Mitchell	13.	00
146.—Prince of Wales'	"	Newburgh	30.	00
147.—Mississippi	"	Almonte	37.	00
151.—The Grand River	"	Berlin	20.	00
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Amounts received during the Session of Grand Lodge, not included in the above:

84.—Clinton	Lodge	115.	00
134.—Shawenegam	"	73.	00
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TOTAL		<u>\$1212.75</u>	

The following amounts have been promised by the undermentioned Lodges as forthcoming:

No.			Cts.
5.—Sussex	Lodge.....	Brockville	50.00
18.—Prince Edward	“	Picton	100.00
34.—Thistle	“	Amherstburg	42.00
37.—King Hiram	“	Ingersoll	23.50
48.—Madoc	“	Madoc	40.00
62.—St. Andrew's	“	Caledonia.....	55.00
75.—St. John's	“	Toronto	270.00
108.—Blenheim	“	Drumbo.....	25.00
141.—Tudor	“	Mitchell.....	30.00
TOTAL... ..			<u>\$635.50</u>

The M.W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following brethren as members of the Masonic Asylum Committee, in addition to those previously named:

R.W. Br. ÆMILIUS IRVING,	V.W. Br. JOHN DAVIDSON,
“ “ V. CLEMENTI,	“ “ W. F. McMASTER,
“ “ D. CURTIS,	“ “ W. H. FLOYD,
“ “ R. SPENCE,	“ “ J. H. ROWN,
“ “ W. J. B. McLEOD MOORE,	“ “ G. W. LAWLER.

It was moved by R. W. Br. Rev. Vincent Clementi, seconded by R. W. Br. Wm. G. Storm, and

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Masonic Asylum fund, be received and adopted.

R.W. Bro. Irving read the following in continuation of the report from the Board of General Purposes, upon subjects embraced in the Reports of the D.D.G. Masters:

REPORT.

The subject of the granting of Dispensations being frequently referred to in the various reports of the D.D.G. Masters, has engaged the anxious consideration of the Board, and to avoid future misapprehension, the Board has endeavored to define clearly the duties of the D.D.G. Masters in these most important, and often indiscreetly exercised powers.

The Board is cognizant also, that these irregularities have not escaped the M.W. the G. M., who has been pleased to issue a general caution on the subject. The Board regrets that this caution has been commented upon by some of the D.D.G. Masters as well approvingly as otherwise, inasmuch as such comments are at all times unbecoming, more especially so, when reflecting upon the discretion of the M.W. G.M. under circumstances when the caution seems to have been most opportune.

In order therefore to make clear certain questions which arise upon the reports of the D. D. G. Masters, the Board is of opinion:—

That there is no power given to D. D. G. Masters to grant Dispensations to enable a man to be made a Mason in abrogation of the terms of the Constitution, requiring residence one year within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he seeks admission.

That it is not desirable that D. D. G. Masters should have power to grant a Dispensation to confer a degree on any brother at a less interval than one month from his receiving a previous degree, such power being reserved to the Grand Master only, and to his Deputy in his absence.

That the power to grant a Dispensation for a W. M. to serve a Lodge as such for more than two years, is in the Grand Master only, or in that of his Deputy in his absence, (which dispensing power it is expected will be granted only in cases of real necessity).

And the Board further recommends, that for all Dispensations hereafter applied for, a fee of not less than five dollars shall be paid if granted, which shall be paid into the funds of Grand Lodge.

With reference to the subject of Jurisdiction—under Section 2 “Of Proposing Members,”—The Board takes the opportunity of declaring that which has been previously enunciated by Grand Lodge, that the jurisdiction of the Lodge extends to half way between it and the next Lodge in any direction, (except as to the jurisdiction between Lodges in the same town or city where more than one exists,) and with reference to the report of the R.W. D.D. G.M. of Ontario District on the subject of “Lebanon” Lodge at

Oshawa, it is recommended that unless the D.D.G.M. is satisfied that the said Lodge will be at work in a manner creditable to the Craft within three months, that he shall be directed to take up the Warrant.

It was moved by R. W. Br. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R. W. Br. Æmilius Irving, and adopted,—

That the report be received.

It was moved by W. Br. W. F. Biggar, seconded by W. Br. Daniel Spry, and adopted,—

That the foregoing Report from the Board of General Purposes, be laid upon the table.

It was moved by R. W. Br. William Bellhouse, seconded by V. W. Br. Charles Kahn, and

Resolved—That it is inexpedient from time to time, at each Annual Communication, that notices of motion for the alteration of the Constitution be received.

That since the first formation of this Grand Lodge, the Provincial Grand Lodge, then antagonistic, has been received, and now forms a portion of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

That the amalgamation was most satisfactory to all the Brethren under both jurisdictions, and that inasmuch as the Book of Constitutions, as originally adopted by the Grand Lodge of Canada, has not been found to meet every exigency, be it

Resolved—That the Book of Constitutions be referred to the Board of General Purposes for entire revision, to report at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

That the Constitution as proposed to be revised, be printed and sent to each Lodge, three months before the assembling of Grand Lodge.

That the Constitution then be taken up clause by clause, and finally adjudicated upon by Grand Lodge.

V. W. Br. A. De Grassi gave the following notice for the next Annual Communication, that he would move,—

That so much of the Constitution as refers to the Board of General Purposes and the General Committee, be struck out, and further to amend the same, as regards the Government of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 5.30 o'clock, P.M.

M. W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The M.W. Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge, that he had received a polite note from the proprietor of the St. Catharine's nursery gardens, inviting the members of Grand Lodge to visit them, and partake of the fruit and refreshments.

The Grand Secretary was directed to acknowledge the receipt of the letter of invitation.

The M. W. Grand Master, read a letter from the Grand Representative of the State of Maine, expressing regret at his inability of being present at the present Communication of Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master, appointed R.W. Br. W. J. B. McLeod Moore; W. Brs. S. B. Fairbanks, Gustavus R. Jervis and Br. Kirkpatrick, as scrutineers, to examine the ballots, for the election of Grand Officers, for the ensuing Masonic year.

The election of Grand officers was proceeded with, and the following were declared duly elected

By ballot of Grand Lodge, viz :—

M.W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, re-elected Grand Master.
R. " " W. B. Simpson, re-elected Deputy Grand Master.
" " " Hon. Robert Spence, Grand Senior Warden.
" " " James Seymour, Grand Junior Warden.
" " " Rev. Vincent Clementi, re-elected Grand Chaplain.
" " " Thomas Mackie, Grand Treasurer.
" " " John V. Noel, Grand Registrar.
" " " T. B. Harris, unanimously re-elected Grand Secretary.

By an open vote of Grand Lodge,
Br. John Morrison, Grand Tyler.

Nominated by the Lodges of the various Masonic Districts, as District Deputy Grand Masters, and approved by the M. W. Grand Master :—

R. W. Br. George Masson,	D.D.G.M., London	District.
" " " C. W. Matheson,	" Wilson	"
" " " John Dutton,	" Huron	"
" " " William Fitch,	" Hamilton	"
" " " A. De Grassi,	" Toronto	"
" " " Thomas Ridout,	" Ontario	"
" " " A. A. Campbell,	" Pr. Edward	"
" " " James A. Henderson,	" Central	"
" " " A. A. Stevenson,	" Montreal	"
" " " George T. Morehouse,	" E. Towns'ps	"
" " " Richard Pope,	" Quebec	"

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet on to-morrow, Friday, at nine o'clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, 11th July, 1862.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 10 o'clock, A.M.

M. W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The Scrutineer's reported the following Brethren elected by Grand Lodge, as members of the Board of General Purposes, for the ensuing year, viz :—

M. W. Br. William M. Wilson,	Norfolk	Lodge,	No. 10.
R. W. Br. Æmilius Irving,	Alma	"	" 72.
" " " David Curtis,	Brant	"	" 45.
" " " Henry Macpherson,	St. George's	"	" 88.
" " " William Daniell,	St. John's	"	" 20.

The M. W. Grand Master, appointed the undermentioned Brethren, to be members of the Board of General Purposes.

R. W. Br.	Wm. H. Weller,	St. John's	Lodge,	No. 17.
" "	Wm. G. Storm,	St. Andrew's	" "	16.
" "	S. D. Fowler,	St. John's	" "	3.
V. "	W. A. Ogilvie,	St. George's	" "	19.
" "	L. H. Henderson,	Moirs	" "	11.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed, R. W. Brs. S. B. Harman and the Hon. Robert Spence, a committee to prepare an address of condolence to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the occasion of the death of the late Prince Consort, as also to the Widow of our late M. W. Br. Thomas Gibbs Ridout.

It was moved by R. W. Br. John C. Franck, seconded by R. W. Br. George F. LaSerre, and adopted,—

That upon hearing a letter read from M. W. Br. W. C. Stephens, representative of the Grand Lodge of England—

Be it Resolved—That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to receive any further evidence the Grand Lodge of England have to offer, which may entitle the "St. Lawrence" Lodge, No. 923, E.R., to recognition, and also any further evidence which the Lodges in Montreal, working under this jurisdiction, may submit to him, and to take such final action in the premises, on behalf of this Grand Lodge, as to him may seem meet.

It was moved by W. Br. William Daniell, seconded by R. W. Br. J. C. Franck, and adopted,—

A Report from the Board of General Purposes having been received, recommending the admission of further evidence of "St. John's" Lodge, No. 209, I.R., at London, and the "St. Lawrence" Lodge, No. 923, E.R., now under an edict of non-intercourse with the Lodges under this jurisdiction,

Be it Resolved—That the M. W. Grand Master, be requested to receive any further evidence offered by "St. John's" Lodge, No. 209, and to take such final action thereon, as he may deem expedient.

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Com-

munication of Grand Lodge, on the proposed testimonial to M. W. Br. Past Grand Master Wilson, submitted the following :—

REPORT.

KINGSTON, July 7th, 1862.

The Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication to procure a suitable testimonial to be presented to Most Worshipful Brother William Mercer Wilson, Past Grand Master, as a mark of its appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the Craft in this Province, by that distinguished brother, have the honor to report that, in consequence of the comparatively small and inadequate sums as yet subscribed by the subordinate Lodges in this Province, your Committee have been unable to carry out the wishes of your Most Worshipful Body, as expressed at its last Annual Communication.

That on the 25th February, the Chairman of your Committee addressed a circular to all the District Deputy Grand Masters to the following effect :

R. W. SIR & BROTHER,

I have the honor to draw your attention to the subjoined resolution of Grand Lodge, passed at its last Annual Meeting, and, as Chairman of the Committee thereby appointed, to request that you will communicate to me at your earliest convenience what steps you have taken, and what amount has been collected in your district towards carrying out the object sought to be attained by Grand Lodge, as it is much to be desired that the total amount collected should be clearly ascertained before the M. W. the Grand Master and sub-Committee proceed to procure the proposed testimonial.

I am, R. W. Sir,

Faternally yours,

W. B. SIMPSON,
Chairman.

Extract from the minutes of the Grand Lodge, held at London, C. W., 10th July, 1861, accompanying the above :

“ Resolved,—That the following named brethren be a Committee to procure a suitable testimonial to M. W. Br. W. M. Wilson, Past Grand Master, viz: the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, and the District Deputy Grand Master of each Masonic District; and that the District

Deputy Grand Masters be requested to take the necessary steps in their respective districts, to solicit the subordinate Lodges to contribute in such manner as to them may seem most expedient—the funds so collected to be forwarded immediately to the Grand Treasurer; and the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, be empowered to decide upon and procure the testimonial; and that it be presented at a special meeting of Grand Lodge, to be called for that purpose.”

But no reply was received thereto, except from one District, until the present meeting of your Most Worshipful Body, and not until the second day of its session were they informed of the total sum subscribed, and paid into the Grand Treasurer's hands, viz : \$203, being the contributions of the following nineteen Lodges :

No.		\$	cts.	No.		\$	cts.
42.—St. George's	Lodge..	5.00		80.—Albion	Lodge..	4.00	
40.—St. John's	" ..	10.00		6.—Barton	" ..	10.00	
7.—Union	" ..	5.00		4.—Dorchester	" ..	10.00	
	Lodge of Antiquity...	20.00		117.—Stanbridge	" ..	15.00	
19.—St. George's	Lodge..	20.00		53.—Shefford	" ..	5.00	
	Members of	" ..	20.00	12.—Golden Rule	" ..	5.00	
21.—Zetland	" ..	20.00		27.—Strict Observance	" ..	20.00	
3.—St. John's	" ..	10.00		135.—St. Clair	" ..	4.00	
103.—Maple Leaf	" ..	5.00		96.—Corinthian	" ..	5.00	
15.—St. George's	" ..	5.00		90.—Manito	" ..	5.00	
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		\$120.00				\$202.00	

It affords your Committee, however, much pleasure to state that they have been assured by several District Deputy Grand Masters that a large addition will be made to this sum in the course of a few months by the Lodges in their respective districts; and, consequently, that your Committee will be enabled before the year closes to procure a testimonial, alike worthy of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the distinguished brother to whom it is to be presented.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. B. SIMPSON,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Br. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by R. W. Br. David Curtis, and

Resolved—That the Report of the Committee on “Testimonial” be received, and that the Committee be re-appointed, with a view of carrying out the object for which they were named, if possible, before the close of the present year.

The M. W. G. Master, re-appointed the same Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Br. J. C. Franck, seconded by R. W. Br. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, and unanimously

Resolved—That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the Mayor and Corporation of the Town of St. Catharines, for their courtesy and liberality in placing the Town-Hall at the disposal of Grand Lodge, for the purpose of holding the present Annual Communication, free of all charge. And that a Copy of this Resolution be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the Mayor.

The Board of General Purposes in continuation of their report, submitted the following:

The Board of General Purposes is of opinion, that immediate and final action should be adopted by Grand Lodge for the purpose of terminating the existing relation between "Western Light" Lodge, No. 3, Bolton, and "True Blue" Lodge, No. 98, Albion, so irregular, and so manifestly at variance as they now are with the spirit of Freemasonry. With this view the Board respectfully recommend that all the documents connected with the matter, be referred to an officer of this Grand Lodge, to be nominated by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, with instructions to enter upon full local enquiry, and to report his opinions and decisions to the M. W. the Grand Master for *immediate and final action* by him in the premises.

It was moved by R. W. Br. W. G. Storm, seconded by R. W. Br. George Masson, and

Resolved—That the Report of the Board of General Purposes in reference to the "Western Light" Lodge, No. 13, and the "True Blue" Lodge, No. 98, be received and adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Br. David Curtis, seconded by R. W. Br. W. G. Storm, and

Resolved—That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to R. W. Br. Henry Groff, for the very satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of Grand Treasurer, and for the ready and prompt manner in which he submitted his accounts when called for.

V. W. Br. Thomas Matheson,	}	Grand Stewards.
“ “ “ William McCabe,		
“ “ “ C. J. Askin,		
“ “ “ T. B. Pardee,		
“ “ “ N. Allan Gamble,		
“ “ “ Joseph Brock,		
“ “ “ G. C. Reiffenstein,		
“ “ “ H. J. Martin,		

The M.W. Grand Master authorizes and requires all brethren elected, or appointed to office, not present at the Annual Communication, to be invested in the Lodges of which they are members.

It was moved by R.W. Br. George F. LaSerre, seconded by Br. A. S. Kirkpatrick, and

Resolved—That the Grand Lodge gratefully acknowledges the liberal invitation of Mr. Beadle, to partake of refreshments, and that the Grand Secretary communicate this resolution to him.

R. W. Br. J. C. Franck, gave notice that he will at the next regular Communication of Grand Lodge, move

That the Constitution be amended by striking out all that relates to the Board of General Purposes and the General Committee, and substituting District Grand Lodges in their stead, the District Grand Lodges electing their own officers, regulating their own affairs, subject to approval of Grand Lodge, where the District Grand Officers shall represent their several districts, particulars and details to be submitted at the next Annual Communication.

The Board of General Purposes in continuation of their Report, submitted the following :

The Board of General Purposes beg to report to Grand Lodge that the Grand Secretary has laid before them the customary exchanges of fraternal greetings, with copies of annual proceedings from the undermentioned Grand Lodges, viz :

California..... 1861	Maine..... 1861 and 1862
Connecticut.... 1861 and 1862	Michigan 1862
Georgia 1860	Maryland 1861
Iowa 1861	New Hampshire..... 1861
Indiana 1861	New Jersey 1862
Illinois 1861	New York..... 1861
Kansas 1861	Rhode Island..... 1861
Kentucky..... 1861	Wisconsin 1861
Missouri..... 1861 and 1862	Washington Territory... 1861

These reports are full of interest and Masonic information, and will amply repay the reader for the time spent in their perusal.

The Board also report to Grand Lodge the receipt of the following as presentations, viz:—

A neatly bound volume, entitled “The History and Articles of Masonry,” presented by the editor, Br. Matthew Cooke, London, England.

An elaborate Tracing Carpet of the three degrees of symbolic Masonry.

A volume—“Webb’s Freemason’s Monitor,” and

A volume—“The Gems of Masonry,—

Presented by Br. James O. Melick, of Detroit.

A volume containing the re-print of its proceedings from 1817, to 1845. Presented by the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Two pamphlets containing the records of the early history of Freemasonry in the State of Connecticut. Presented by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

The Board recommend the acceptance by Grand Lodge of the foregoing presentations.

On motion, the Report of the Board of General Purposes was received, and the Grand Secretary directed to acknowledge the receipt of the several Presentations, and of their acceptance by Grand Lodge.

R. W. Br. F. Richardson, gave the following notice of motion, viz:

That he will move at the next Annual meeting of Grand Lodge for the following alteration in By-Law No. 1, under the head “Of District Deputy Grand Masters.” In the place of the words “*He must be an Installed or Past Master,*” that the following words be substituted, “*He must have held the rank of Past Master for five years.*”

It was moved by R. W. Br. A. DeGrassi, seconded by Br. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, and adopted,—

That the M. W. Grand Master be desired to name a Committee, whose duty shall be to collect all Masonic documents, with a view of compiling a History

of Masonry in Canada, and that they report progress at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, for the space of thirty minutes.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 2 o'clock, P.M.
M. W. Br. T. Douglas Harington, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The Board of General Purposes in continuation of their Report, submitted the following :

MASONIC ASYLUM REPORT.

The Board having in view the importance of augmenting the Asylum Fund, as well as of separating its affairs as much as possible from the general accounts of Grand Lodge, recommend strongly the appointment of an "Asylum Trust," to be composed of four members of the Board of General Purposes, to be appointed by the Board, with the President of the Board as Chairman, such four members to be selected from those residing in one city. The special duty of such Trust being to seek safe and profitable investments for present funds, and for subscriptions yet to be received, as well as for the interest accruing thereon. Such Trust, to meet at least quarterly, three to form a quorum, of whom the President to be one. No advance to be made on any security offered, till the written opinion of a Solicitor to be appointed by Grand Lodge, shall be had thereon. The Trust generally, to act under such regulations as may be laid down by the Board of General Purposes from time to time.

The Board deem it advisable, that a full statement of the "Asylum Fund Account," with a list of the Lodges which have subscribed thereto, and the amounts subscribed by each, be published in the Minutes of this Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Br. R. Spence, seconded by R. W. Br. W. G. Storm, and

Resolved—That the foregoing Report on Asylum, be received and adopted.

Dr.		HENRY GROFF, Grand Treasurer, in Account current with Grand Lodge.		Cr.	
		1861.	\$	cts.	No. of Vouch.
April	19—To balance on hand as per account audited.	2,799	41		1
"	20—" Received from Grand Secretary	632	00		2
Jan.	22—" " on account of Brother Bellhouse, Past Grand Treasurer				3
July	4—" Received from Grand Secretary	400	00		4
"	8—" " from Bank of Upper Canada, six months interest on Middlesex Debentures	553	00		5
"	12—" " from Grand Secretary	1,224	28		6
"	27—" " " " "				7
Oct.	15—" " " " "	48	00		8
Dec.	28—" " Interest from 22nd June, 1861, @ 4 per cent on \$400, being amount received, account of Brother Bellhouse, and then invested for 6 months, and now converted into Gore Bank interest, receipt No. 1928, for \$408 @ 4 per cent.	611	25		9
"	31—" " from Grand Secretary	507	00		10
"	" " " Bank of Upper Canada for interest on Middlesex Debenture	647	50		11
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Grand Secretary's Account Current.

THOMAS B. HARRIS, *Grand Secretary, in Account Current with the Grand Lodge of Canada, from 27th December, A. L., 5860, to the 27th December, 5861,—the end of the fiscal year.*

NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$	c.	NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$	c.
—	Antiquity, Montreal.....	17	25		Brought forward, \$1,521.82		
2	Niagara, Niagara.....	41	75	47	Great Western, Windsor.	10	00
3	St. John's, Kingston.....	50	00	48	Madoc, Madoc....	5	00
4	Dorchester, St. John's....	48	25	49	Harington, Quebec.....	48	75
5	Sussex, Brockville.....	43	00	50	Consecon, Consecon.....	30	00
6	Barton, Hamilton.....	97	00	51	Corinthian, Grahamville..	10	75
7	Union, Grimsby.....	40	00	52	Wellington, Dunnville...	8	50
8	Nelson, Henryville.....	43	00	53	Shefford, Waterloo.....	23	33
9	Union, Napanee.....	10	00	54	Vaughan, Maple.....	20	00
10	Norfolk, Simcoe.....	29	00	56	Victoria, Port Sarnia....	39	75
11	Moir, Belleville.....	24	25	57	Harmony, Binbrook.....	11	25
12	Golden Rule Stanstead....	37	50	58	Doric, Ottawa.....	36	50
13	Western Light, Bolton...	32	13	59	Corinthian, Ottawa.....	13	25
14	True Briton's, Perth.....	15	75	60	Hoyle, La Colle.....	19	75
15	St. George's, St. Catharines	62	00	62	St. Andrew's, Caledonia..	60	50
16	St. Andrew's, Toronto....	82	55	63	Simcoe, Simcoe..	12	00
17	St. John's, Cobourg.....	15	00	64	Kilwinning, London...	11	75
18	Prince Edward's, Picton..	41	05	66	Durham, Newcastle.....	14	25
19	St. George's, Montreal....	24	00	68	St. John's, Ingersoll....	29	84
20	St. John's, London.....	37	87	70	King, King.....	10	00
21	Zetland, Montreal.....	64	51	71	Victoria, Sherbrooke....	48	50
22	King Solomon's, Toronto..	178	88	72	Alma, Galt.....	39	00
23	Richmond, Richmond Hill..	13	00	73	St. James's, St. Mary's,...	23	50
24	St. Francis, Smith's Falls..	30	08	75	St. John's, Toronto.....	46	75
25	Ionic, Toronto.....	40	75	76	Oxford, Woodstock.....	33	00
26	Ontario, Port Hope.....	14	75	77	Faithful Brethren, Oakwood	8	00
27	Strict Observance, Hamilton	62	00	78	King Hiram, Tilsonburgh.	40	25
29	United, Brighton.....	11	50	79	Simcoe, Bradford.....	7	75
30	Composite, Whitby.....	27	00	80	Albion, Newbury.....	23	10
31	Jerusalem, Bowmanville..	29	25	81	St. John's, Delaware....	43	00
32	Amity, Dunnville.....	19	75	82	St. John's, Paris.....	4	25
33	Wellington, Guelph.....	2	00	83	Beaver, Strathtroy.....	32	63
34	Thistle, Amherstburg.....	31	00	85	Rising Sun, Farmersville..	60	50
37	King Hiram, Ingersoll....	20	00	86	Wilson, Toronto.....	44	25
38	Trent, Trenton.....	2	00	87	Markham Union, Markham	23	50
39	Mount Zion, Prince Albert.	9	00	88	St. George's, Owen Sound.	13	30
40	St. John's, Hamilton.....	23	00	89	King Hiram, Lindsay....	10	00
41	St. George's, Kingsville...	24	00	90	Manito, Collingwood.....	17	50
42	St. George's, London.....	47	00	92	Cataraqui, Kingston.....	42	00
43	King Solomon's, Woodstock	21	00	93	Northern Lig't, Kincardine	24	75
44	St. Thomas, St. Thomas....	6	50	94	St. Mark's, Port Stanley..	28	00
45	Brant, Brantford.....	30	00	95	Ridout, Otterville.....	22	00
46	Wellington, Chatham.....	23	50	96	Corinthian, Barrie.....	27	25
Carried forward, \$1,521.82				Carried forward, \$2,599.77			

Grand Secretary's Account Current—CONTINUED.

NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$	c.	NO.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$	c.
	Brought forward, \$2,599.77				Brought forward, \$3,368.64		
97	Sharon, Sharon	24.25		125	Cornwall, Cornwall.	49.25	
98	True Blue, Albion.	19.25		126	Golden Rule, Campbellsf'd	28.75	
99	Tuscan, Newmarket.	30.00		127	Franck, Frankford.	22.00	
100	Valley, Dundas.	2.00		128	Pembroke, Pembroke.	10.00	
101	Corinthian, Peterboro'	14.25		129	The Rising Sun, Aurora. . . .	13.25	
103	Maple Leaf, St. Catharines	46.00		130	Yamaska, Granby.	25.75	
104	St. John's, Norwichville.	37.00		131	St. Lawrence, Southampt'n	11.00	
105	St. Mark's, Drummondville	10.50		132	Sweet Home, N. Hamburg	20.00	
106	Burford, Burford.	7.00		133	Lebanon Forest, Frances'n	64.00	
107	St. Paul's, Lambeth.	17.00		134	Shawenegam, Three Rivers	29.75	
108	Blenheim, Drumbo.	42.62		135	St. Clair, Milton.	29.75	
110	Central, Prescott.	25.25		136	Richardson, Cashel.	32.25	
111	Morpeth, Morpeth.	45.50		137	Pythagoras, Meaford.	32.75	
112	Maitland, Goderich.	24.25		138	Aylmer, Aylmer, C.E.	36.50	
113	Wilson, Waterford.	23.75		141	Tudor, Mitchell.	48.75	
114	Hope, Port Hope.	17.25		142	Excelsor, Morrisburgh. . . .	62.50	
115	Ivy, Smithville.	10.75		143	Friendly Bro's, Iroquois. . . .	2.25	
116	Cassia, Sylvan.	37.75		144	Tecumseh, Stratford.	1.00	
117	Stanbridge, Stanbridge. . . .	24.00		145	J. B. Hall, Mill Brook.	44.12	
118	Union, Lloydtown.	22.75		146	Prince of Wales Newburgh	56.75	
119	Maple Leaf, Bath.	62.25		147	Mississippi, Almonte.	30.29	
120	Warren, Fingal.	28.75		148	Civil Service, Seat of Gov't	30.00	
121	Doric, Brantford.	42.50		149	Erie, Port Dover.	20.00	
122	Renfrew, Renfrew.	5.25		150	Hastings, Hastings.	20.00	
123	The Belleville, Belleville. . .	19.00		151	The Grand River, Berhn	30.00	
124	Montreal Kilwin'g, Montr'l	130.00			Wellington, Stratford, [late 28]	2.00	
Carried forward, \$3,368.64						\$4121.30	

The Board of General Purposes, at its first meeting, held in the city of London, in February last, audited the foregoing accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary for the year ending the 27th December, 1861, a detail statement of which has been laid before each Lodge throughout the Province.

This statement shews the total assets of Grand Lodge	
at that date	\$6,704 85
Since that time there has been received from	
the various Lodges the sum of	\$2,177 06
Interest on Middlesex debentures	48 00
“ on Bank deposit	95 64
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	\$2,320 70
Of this sum there has been paid by Grand	
Treasurer the sum of	1,665 93
Leaving a balance to credit of Grand Lodge	654 77
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Total assets of Grand Lodge at this date	<u>\$7,359 62</u>

ASSETS.

Middlesex debentures	\$1,600 00
Bank deposit, at interest	4,812 00
Interest on do. do.	271 44
Cash in Treasurer's hands	598 41
do. in Secretary's hands	77 77
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	<u>\$7,359 62</u>

The Board of General Purposes in conclusion of their Report submitted the following:

MODE OF KEEPING ACCOUNTS.

The Board have resolved to cause the system which has hitherto obtained of keeping the books of account to be changed. The advantages to be effected are as follows:

1st. In lieu of open accounts, or of closing or balancing accounts

at indefinite periods, it is intended to have all accounts balanced on the 30th June, and 27th December.

2nd. A balance account to be opened,—and

3rd. A general statement of the financial position of the Grand Lodge to be prepared half-yearly, to include the value of stock on hand, such as Books of Constitution, Stationery, &c., &c.

The Board have heard with much satisfaction that on the 24th June, the Grand Secretary commenced a “day-book,” in which it is intended to record *daily* every transaction of a pecuniary character, to be “posted” at least monthly.

The Board deem a “register of letters,” shewing the time of receipt, a brief statement of nature of such letters, and date of reply, indispensable, and will cause the same to be prepared.

The Board have pleasure in reporting the great satisfaction they have had in their various business interviews with the Grand Secretary, and the readiness with which R. W. Br. Harris enters into the views of the Board in all that relates to the more efficient carrying on of the business of Grand Lodge.

W. B. SIMPSON,
President B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Br. W. G. Storm, seconded by R. W. Br. David Curtis, and

Resolved—That the report of the Board of General Purposes on Finance and Audit be received and adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Br. W. B. Simpson, seconded by R. W. Br. R. Spence, and

Resolved—That R. W. Br. S. B. Harman be the Solicitor of Grand Lodge.

It was moved by R. W. Br. Robert Spence, seconded by R. W. Br. Rev. V. Clementi, and

Resolved—That the Grand Secretary be directed to order a bust of the M. W. Past Grand Master Wilson.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the preparation of an address of condolence to Her Most Gracious Majesty, as also to the widow of our late Brother M.W. Thomas Gibbs Ridout, have prepared the following, which was, at a subsequent date, submitted to the M.W. Grand Master for approval, and directed to be printed with the proceedings.

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty,

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

We the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in Annual Convocation assembled, desire with profound humility to approach your Majesty with the renewed assurance of our duty, and of our *unalterable attachment* to your Majesty's Royal Person and Government.

We desire in common with all classes of your Majesty's subjects, to express our deep sense of the great loss sustained by your Majesty, and by the nation, in the removal by the Most High, of his late Royal Highness the Prince Consort from this mortal state, and to offer to your Majesty our sincere condolence, on a bereavement which weighs more heavily upon your Majesty, than can possibly be felt or expressed by any of the most loyal of your Majesty's subjects.

Besides the inculcation of principles of moral virtue, and the cultivation of the intellectual faculties, it is the peculiar province of Masonry to teach its brotherhood how to die; and to point their attention to that "Bright Morning Star," whose rising gives assurance that the Lord of Life and Glory will enable the faithful to trample the King of Terrors beneath their feet.

Amongst the members of your Majesty's Royal House, Rulers of the Craft, were your Majesty's Royal Father, and your Majesty's Royal Uncle, the late Duke of Sussex, and on

this Masonic relationship to your Majesty's August House, would we presume to offer on the *first opportunity* afforded us, since the lamented decease of the illustrious Prince, whom the whole nation mourns, the expression of our sincere sorrow for a loss unfeignedly felt by every well-wisher of the human race, and by every promoter of the liberal arts.

May the Disposer of all events, preserve your Majesty long to reign over a loyal and contented people, and may HE enable your Majesty to take comfort from the memory of the abundant good created, distributed and perpetuated by your late Royal Consort; and in the contemplation,—though to your Majesty's irreparable loss,—that your Royal Husband has been removed from this sublunary abode, to those immortal mansions where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever.

To Mrs. T. G. Ridout, Toronto,

MADAM,

The Grand Lodge of Canada, in their Annual Convocation assembled, have, with deep feeling and emotion, recorded in their Minutes an entry of the irreparable loss sustained by the Craft in the removal from amongst them of your beloved husband, the Most Worshipful Past Grand Master, Thomas Gibbs Ridout, one in whose character has been illustrated, in a conspicuous manner, that "pure system of morality" which it is the high aim of our Order to inculcate, and who may be said to have adopted as his "rule of life," and observed in all his actions the cherished landmarks of Freemasonry—"Brotherly Love," "Relief," and "Truth."

In addition to this record, the Grand Lodge have felt that it may be permitted them, in the case of the removal of a Brother so beloved, and so illustrious, to venture beyond

the portals of their Lodge, and respectfully approaching your own, to convey to a sorrowing widow and a bereaved family, the tribute of their heartfelt condolence; and, Madam, in so doing, in thus venturing to intrude on the sanctity of your sorrow, from one source only can they draw the words of consolation they would bring with them; and, opening the volume of the Sacred Law,—“The Great Light of Freemasonry”—they take inspired words and say:

“Fear not, for thou shalt not be ashamed, neither be thou confounded, for thou shalt not be put to shame, for thou shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.”

“For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed, but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord, that hath mercy on thee.”

We cannot indeed, Madam, lift the veil which shrouds the arena of our Order, but we are not prohibited from assuring you that Masonry, in all its teachings, leads its members to the constant contemplation of “a future state,” and “that within this perishable frame there resides a vital and immortal principle which inspires a holy confidence that the Lord of Life and Glory will enable us to trample the King of Terrors beneath our feet, and lift our eyes to the ‘Bright Morning Star,’ whose rising brings peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race.”

Such, Madam, is the Masonic teaching your beloved husband never tired to inculcate to the brethren; and in the full fruition of which, we have “a sure and certain hope” that, having passed the tomb of transgression, he has attained an endless participation in the Grand Lodge above, where the world’s Great Architect lives and reigns for ever and for ever.

The business of Grand Lodge being finished it was closed in Ample form, with solemn prayer.

[ATTEST]



Thos. B. Harris
G. Sec.

IN MEMORY

OF

Most Worshipful Brother

Thomas Gibbs Ridout,

DIED AT TORONTO,

30th JULY, 1861,

In the 69th Year of his Age.

BRETHREN

Deceased during the past Masonic Year.

Brother John Harvey, Prevost Lodge, No. 1,
Dunham.

Died, February, 1862.

Brother John Fagan, Niagara Lodge, No. 2,
Niagara.

Died 3rd January. 1862.

Brother Givern C. Cook, Barton Lodge, No. 6,
Hamilton.

Died 4th July, 1861.

Brother Wright Barker, Barton Lodge, No. 6,
Hamilton.

Died, January, 1862.

Brother Henry Campbell, St. George's Lodge, No.
15, St. Catharines.

Died 2nd November, 1861.

Brother Frederick Parsons, P. M., St. George's
Lodge, No. 15, and a member of Maple Leaf Lodge,
No. 103, St. Catharines.

Died 7th January, 1862.

Brother Abra'm Nordheimer, St. Andrew's Lodge,
No. 16, Toronto.

Died, (date not reported.)

Brother Bela Johnson, Prince Edward Lodge, No.
18, Picton.

Died 12th July, 1861.

Brother Benjamin Hubbs, Prince Edward Lodge,
No. 18, Picton.

Died 19th August, 1861.

Brother Richard Dempsey, King Solomon Lodge,
No. 22, Toronto.

Died 9th April, 1862.

Brother James McIndoe, Amity Lodge, No. 32,
Dunnville.

Died 28th July, 1862.

Brother Alfred J. Burns, Welland Lodge, No. 36,
Fonthill.

Died 26th January, 1862.

Brother Thomas Haysin, King Hiram Lodge, No.
37, Ingersoll.

Died 10th December, 1862.

Brother Thomas C. Sterling, St. John's Lodge, No.
40, Hamilton.

Died 19th September, 1861.

Brother Alexander Gordon, Brant Lodge, No. 45,
Brantford.

Died 23rd September, 1861.

Brother Edmund F. Large, Brant Lodge, No. 45,
Brantford.

Died 15th November, 1861.

Brother Henry Waters, Wellington Lodge, No. 46,
Chatham.

Died 3d April, 1862

Brother William Jones, Wellington Lodge, No.
52, Dunnville.

Died 14th August, 1862.

Brother John McIlroy, Doric Lodge, No. 58,
Ottawa.

Died 25th May, 1861.

Brother Louis Techt, Corinthian Lodge, No. 59,
Ottawa.

Died 6th November, 1861.

Brother Willard Conkey, Stirling Lodge, No. 69,
Stirling.

Died 7th April, 1861.

Brother John Wright, Stirling Lodge, No. 69,
Stirling.

Died 28th December, 1861.

Brother Charles O'Conner, Victoria Lodge, No. 71,
Sherbrooke.

Died 9th October, 1861.

Brother William Dumbrille, St. James' Lodge, No.
74, Maitland.

Died 13th June, 1862.

Brother Geo. H. Halse, St. John's Lodge, No. 75,
Toronto.

Died, October, 1861.

Brother Samuel Smith Jones, St. John's Lodge,
No. 75, Toronto.

Died 22d September, 1861.

Brother William Leonard, St. John's Lodge, No.
75, Toronto.

Died 5th August, 1861.

Brother William Betts, St. John's Lodge, No. 81,
Delaware.

Died 20th May, 1862.

Brother James Demming, Rising Sun Lodge, No. 85, Farmersville.

Died 7th May, 1862.

Brother Thomas Hutchinson, Wilson Lodge, No. 86, Toronto.

Died, (date not reported.)

Brother M. L. Geene, Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, Kingston.

Brother Robert Chalmers.

Died, (dates not reported.)

Brother Archibald Pass, Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, Barrie.

Died 2d December, 1861.

Brother Luke Ballard, Valley Lodge, No. 100, Dundas.

Died July, 1861.

Brother George Cunningham, Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peterboro'.

Died, August, 1861.

Brother James Flannigan, Central Lodge, No. 110, Prescott.

Died 18th January, 1862.

Brother Richard Reading, Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope.

Died 27th September, 1861.

Brother Michael W. Turner, Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Smithville.

Died 15th September, 1861.

Brother Daniel Meigs, Stanbridge Lodge, No. 117, Stanbridge.

Died 22d September, 1861.

Brother John Hussell, Doric Lodge, No. 121,
Brantford.

Died 31st March, 1862.

Brother James B. Clifford, Montreal Kilwinning
Lodge, No. 124, Montreal.

Died, October, 1861.

Brother Myron Hitchcock, Cornwall Lodge, No.
125, Cornwall.

Died 29th March, 1862.

Brother Jn. McGillvary McLean, Cornwall Lodge,
No. 125, Cornwall.

Died 24th May, 1862.

Brother John Robertson, Shawenegam Lodge, No.
134, Three Rivers.

Died 4th December, 1862.

Brother John Lloyd, Pythagoras Lodge, No. 137,
Meaford.

Died 2d February, 1862.

Brother James Hiram Castleman, Excelsior Lodge,
No. 142, Morrisburg.

Died 30th March, 1862.

Brother John R. Steel, Prince of Wales Lodge,
No. 146, Newburgh.

Died 11th December, 1861.

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No.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
61	Acacia	Hamilton.	Third Friday	W Br F J Rastrick..	Br Thomas B Harris
62	*St. Andrew's.	Caledonia.	Wednesday on or before full moon	" Jno Palmer.	" D Cameron
63	Simcoe	Simcoe	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" C W Matheson ..	" Thos G Matheson
64	*Kilwinning.	London	Third Thursday	" R R Lewis ..	" S A Moule
65	*Rehoboam.	Toronto	First Thursday	" not working.	" D McNaughton
66	*Durham	Newcastle.	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" Joseph Brock ..	" Jno H Graham
67	*St. Francis	Richmond ..	First Thursday ..	" G H Napier.	" Abel Bristol
68	St. John's	Ingersoll	First Thursday	" R A Woodcock ..	" Henry Carre
69	Stirling	Stirling	Thursday after full moon	" Jas A Preston ..	" Robert Scott
70	*King	King	Friday on or before full moon ..	" Isaac Dennis..	" S A Stevens
71	*Victoria	Sherbrooke.	Second Monday	" R F Nelles.	" Thos Peck
72	Alma	Galt.	Third Thursday ..	" J McDougall.	" W T Hutton
73	*St. James's	St. Mary's.	First Monday	" G C Longley.	" Hugh T Murray
74	*St. James's	Maitland	Monday on or after full moon.	" Thos Gundry.	" Jno H Woodman
75	St. John's	Toronto	First Monday	" Jno Turquand.	" Jno G Mackay
76	*Oxford	Woodstock ..	Second Wednesday	" Thos Mark.	" Thos Beall
77	*Faithful Brethren.	Oakwood	Wednesday before full moon.	" Wm G Darrow ..	" Lachlan McLean
78	*King Hiram	Tilsenburgh ..	Wednesday on or before full moon	" J W H Wilson.	" B Barnard
79	Simcoe	Bradford	Thursday after full moon.	" C J Campbell.	" Andrew Wilson
80	Albion	Newbury	First Tuesday	" Wm Livingston ..	" C J Ladd
81	*St. John's	Delaware	First Tuesday	" Wm Dobie.	" Henry Hart
82	St. John's	Paris	First Tuesday	" Wm Bettridge.	" Jas A Sommerville
83	Beaver	Strathroy	First Friday after full moon.	" Thos Jackson.	" Samuel H Rance
84	*Clinton	Clinton	Wednesday on or after full moon.	" Hugh Mackay.	" J E Cooper
85	Rising Sun	Farmersville.	Thursday nearest full moon.	" Robert Spence.	" R J Kimball
86	*Wilson	Toronto	Third Tuesday	" D McMurchy.	" P C Secor
87	Markham Union.	Markham	Tuesday on or before full moon ..	" H Macpherson ..	" James Buchan
88	St. George's	Owen Sound.	Wednesday on or before full moon	" Jno F Albro.	" Henry Gladman
89	*King Hiram	Lindsay	First Tuesday		

90	*Manito	Collingwood . .	Wednesday on or after full moon	of every month.	W Br T C Prosser . .	Br Henry Robertson
91	Colborne	Colborne	Wednesday after full moon	"	" L Tuthe	" Addison Vars
92	Cataraqui	Kingston	Second Wednesday	"	" C D Macdonnell	" Henry Meadows
93	*Northern Light	Kingstons	Thursday on or after full moon	"	" David Gairdner	" William Avery
94	*St. Mark's	Port Stanley . .	Second Tuesday	"	" W Given	" Geo R Brown
95	Ridout	Otterville	Thursday on or before full moon	"	" John Wood	" G Goodwin
96	*Corinthian	Barrie	Friday preceding full moon	"	" Henry Fraser . . .	" E J Walker
97	*Sharon	Sharon	First Tuesday	"	" Alex Souler	" Wm Simpson
98	True Blue	Albion	Friday on or before full moon	"	" Wm Graham	" John Gilmour
99	*Tuscan	Newmarket . . .	Second Wednesday	"	" William Trent . . .	" Thos Bishop
100	Valley	Dundas	First Wednesday	"	" J McMahon	" Alex D Cameron
101	*Corinthian	Peterboro'	Wednesday on or preceding f. m.	"	" Edward Leigh . . .	" Vincent Clementi
103	*Maple Leaf	St Catharines . .	Thursday on or after full moon	"	" Wm B Becton	" James B Fowler
104	St. John's	Norwichville . . .	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	" Jno A Tidy Jr	" Abr'm P Miller
105	St. Mark's	Dum'ndville	Tuesday on or before full moon	"	" Jas McGlashen . . .	" Charles Treble
106	*Burford	Burford	Wednesday before full moon	"	" Jacob Bingham . . .	" John Findlay
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	Second Wednesday	"	" Alex Ferguson . . .	" Eli L Davis
108	Blenheim	Drumbo	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	" S D Brown	" James McKenzie
109	Albion	Sydenham	Tuesday after full moon	"	" Joseph Watson . . .	" George Kerr
110	*Central	Prescott	Tuesday before full moon	"	" Angus Grant	" Richard L Marsh
111	*Morpeth	Morpeth	Second Thursday	"	" A Heyward	" Step'n Kneeshaw
112	Maitland	Goderich	Second Tuesday	"	" M C Cameron	" John Horsham
113	*Wilson	Waterford	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	" David Tisdale	" Joseph Gray
114	*Hope	Port Hope	First Thursday	"	" A T Williams	" George Brant
115	*Ivy	Smithville	Tuesday after full moon	"	" M L Roberts	" Richard Peck
116	*Cassia	Sylvan	Monday on or before full moon	"	" John Dawson	" Jonas B Abbott
117	*Stanbridge	Stanbridge	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	" H Horskin	" A Armstrong Jr
118	Union	Lloydton	Monday on or before full moon	"	" James Wilson	" James Johnston
119	*Maple Leaf	Bath	Monday on or before full moon	"	" T Ashton	" John Thorn
120	Warren	Fingst	Second Thursday	"	" Thos D Warren . . .	" James P Excell
121	*Doric	Brautford	Friday on or preceding full moon	"	" Edward Downs . . .	" David Evans
122	*Raufrew	Raufrew	Tuesday nearest full moon	"	" John Paris	" James Quinn
123	*The Belleville	Belleville	First Thursday	"	" Jno Wonnacott . . .	

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124	*Montreal Kilwinning	Montreal.....	Second Monday	W Br J. H Isaacson.	Br Alex Chisholm
125	*Cornwall	Cornwall.....	Monday after full moon.....	" Thos Bacon...	" C Poole
126	*Golden Rule.....	Campbellsford.	Tuesday after full moon	" H O'Neil	" G W Rauney
127	*Frank.....	Frankford	Monday before full moon.....	" Geo S Graham	" Charles Craig
128	*Pembroke	Pembroke	Tuesday before full moon	" Jas P Moffat..	" Thos H Johnston
129	The Rising Sun.....	Aurora	Friday on or after full moon	" Geo L Graham	" William Willis
130	*Yamaska.....	Granby	Wednesday before full moon	" Jas Chalmers.	" William L West
131	*St. Lawrence.....	Southampton.	Tuesday on or after full moon ..	" Robt Gilmour.	" John Eastwood
133	*Lebanon Forest.....	Franceson ..	Monday on or before full moon....	" Wm Diamond.	" Thomas Gidley
134	*Shawenegan.....	Three Rivers..	Second Wednesday.....	" James Reynar.	" Wm T Rickaby
135	*St. Clair.....	Milton	Thursday on or before full moon..	" G T Bastedo..	" Wm Panton
136	Richardson	Cashel.....	Wednesday on or before full moon	" J Bowman Sen	" Benj Bowman
137	*Pythagoras	Meaford.....	Friday on or after full moon....	" WK Henderson	" Robt H Foster
138	Aylmer	Aylmer C E ..	Second Thursday	" Levi R Church	" John DeLisle
139	Lebanon	Oshawa	First Tuesday	" S B Fairbanks	" James Finnie
140	Malahide	Aylmer C W ..	Wednesday on or after full moon.	" Jno Campbell .	" D H Stewart
141	Tudor	Mitchell.....	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" A G Macdonell	" Arthur J Purkiss
142	*Excelsior.....	Morrisburgh ..	Thursday on or before full moon.	" A Worthington	" E W Beaven
143	*Friendly Brothers.....	Iroquois	Wednesday before full moon.....	" John Dutton..	" Henry Izard
144	Tecumseh.....	Stratford	Thursday on or before full moon	" James Norris .	" Richard Howden
145	J. B. Hall	Mill Brook.....	Second Thursday.....	" Jno M Horsey.	" Geo McTrain
146	Prince of Wales. .	Newburgh	Wednesday before full moon.....	" Wm Mostyn ..	" D Campbell
147	*Mississippi ..	Almonte	Friday on or before full moon....	" J H Rowan...	" Henry Jackson
148	Civil Service.....	Seat of Gov't.	Second Tuesday.....	" Theo B Barrett	" Richard Lloyd
149	Erie	Port Dover ..	Monday on or before full moon...	" R P Hurlbut..	" Henry Lye
150	Hastings	Hastings.....	Thursday on or before full moon..	" W D Perine ..	" John A MacKie
151	The Grand River ..	Berlin	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" Robert Macfie.	
152	Clarenceville ..	Clarenceville..	Third Thursday	" Geo Duncan ..	
153	Burns	Wyoming	Thursday on or before full moon..	" Wm Diamond.	
154	Irving	Lucan	Thursday on or before full moon..		


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M W Br	Thomas Douglas Harington,	Grand Master.
R W Br	William B Simpson,	Deputy Grand Master.
" "	George Masson,	D D G M London District
" "	Charles W Matheson,	" Wilson "
" "	John Dutton,	" Huron "
" "	William Fitch,	" Hamilton "
" "	A DeGrassi,	" Toronto "
" "	Thomas Ridout,	" Ontario "
" "	A A Campbell,	" Pr. Edward "
" "	James A Henderson	" Central "
" "	A A Stevenson,	" Montreal "
" "	Geo T Morehouse,	" E. Town'ps "
" "	Richard Pope,	" Quebec "
" "	Robert Spence,	Grand Senior Warden.
" "	James Seymour,	Grand Junior Warden.
" "	Rev. Vincent Clementi,	Grand Chaplain.
" "	Thomas Mackie,	Grand Treasurer.
" "	John V. Noel,	Grand Registrar.
" "	Thomas B Harris,	Grand Secretary.
V "	Isaac P Willson,	Grand Senior Deacon.
" "	A W Ogilvie,	Grand Junior Warden.
" "	W F Biggar,	Grand Superintendent of Works.
" "	William McGhie,	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" "	Thomas McCracken,	Assistant Grand Secretary.
" "	W B Gallwey,	Grand Sword Bearer.
" "	Daniel Spry,	Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
" "	John Leggo,	Grand Organist.
" "	G W Lawler,	Assistant Grand Organist.
" "	Stanislaus Blondheim,	Grand Pursuivant.
" "	John Morrison,	Grand Tyler.
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	T B Pardee, N Allan Gamble, Joseph Brock,	
	G C Reiffenstein, H J Martin.	

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" " "	"	" St. Domingo	"
" " "	A. Bernard	" Vermont	"
R. " "	Thomas B. Harris,	" Kansas	"
" " "	Cyril Pearl,	" Maine	"
" " "	James A. Henderson	" New York	"
" " "	" Canada,	at the U. G. L. of England.
" " "	Michael Furnell,	" " "	at the G. L. of Ireland.
" " "	Isaac B. Bowdish,	" " "	Vermont.
" " "	Wm. Pitt Preble,	" " "	Maine.
" " "	Henry W. Turner	" " "	New York.
" " "	Horner A. Johnson,	" " "	Illinois.
" " "	Jacinto de Castro	" " "	St. Domingo.

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